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'EDIBLE BETHEL' vegetables and herbs in Bethel Village are ready for harvesting. Here, Melanie Carver picks from plantings including lettuce, kale, and chard at 111 Main Street. The Edible Bethel project promotes gardening in small spaces. The only parameters for picking, says organizer Amanda Moran, is "pick some, leave some." For more on the project and where things are growing, go to <http://www.ediblebethel.com/home.html>.
(A. Aloisio)



School Board debates leadership, transparency

BY AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

Incumbent SAD 44 School Board Chair Lainey Cross of Bethel defeated Greenwood director Larry Merlino in the election for chair for the coming year.

Marcel Polak of Woodstock was elected vice-chair, and Roberta Taylor of Bethel was elected vice-chair pro tempore.

In her statement prior to the vote, Cross said she hoped to keep running positive board meetings at which directors demonstrate respect for one another.

"I hope that we will all remember that we are in this as a board for the district; we aren't necessarily representing our [individual] communities. We are here for the students and staff of the district. I hope that we can

make decisions that are beneficial for our district," she said.

"Well, I'm here to be a har-

'I find it difficult to not draw the conclusion that this board, in most cases, is simply rubberstamping decisions that have already been made.'

-Greenwood Director Norm Milliard

binger of change, folks," said Merlino, who said he thinks the School Board needs to change its direction and show greater leadership.

"We need to deal with the subject of transparency. We

need to deal with the subject of the budget," he said.

"I would be the person that would lead the board in the direction of change in a positive way for the students, and include the parents, the teachers, and the communities that we serve. We are financed by those communities. We need to relate to them and provide them with information as to where we're going, what we're doing, and how we're going to get to where we want to get to."

Bethel director Tim Carter agreed that change is needed.

"There's no reason this district ever should have gotten an F," he said, referring to the grade Telstar High School received in 2013 under the Maine School Per-

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Bingham Forest recreation access road in question

BY ALISON ALOISIO

With recreational access to the Bingham Forest potentially at stake, Bethel selectmen Monday voted to have the town attorney review a town easement and related deeds for the Daisy Bryant Road.

Some residents on the road are objecting to plans that would allow mountain bikers, hikers and other recreationists to drive the dirt road to get to trails on the 2,300-acre land parcel.

At its regular meeting last Thursday, the Bingham Forest Authority listened to nearly two and a half hours

of public comment on its plans for a trail system on the 2,300-acre parcel.

The town became the trustee of the land several years ago after the BWD, which owned it previously and used Chapman Brook as the town's water supply, built wells in a new location.

Under a consent agreement with the state, the town has a management plan for the land that includes preserving the quality of the brook and allowing for low impact recreational use.

About 50 people attended last Thursday's BFA board meeting. The audience was made up largely of two

groups: unhappy abutters and mountain bikers who support the plan.

Daisy Bryant Road residents aired their views on road safety, environmental protection and communications regarding the BFA's plans. The BFA currently is using the road as access to build beginner mountain bike trails on land adjacent to the Bingham parcel, on Bethel Water District land.

But the BFA has also said that currently, the dirt road is the only access the town has rights to for potential future trails in the Bingham

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A hill on the Daisy Bryant Road as it climbs toward the Bingham land. Chapman Brook flows just to the left of the road. Road residents are concerned about an increase in traffic if the road is used for recreational access.
A. Aloisio

New THS principal hired

BY AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

The SAD 44 School Board unanimously approved Superintendent David Murphy's nomination of Cheryl Lang as the new principal of Telstar High School at their meeting Monday.

Lang, who was hired last year as the THS dean of students, replaces Ann Bell, who left the district after one year to become the assistant superintendent of RSU 10.

The district received nine applications for the high school principal position. The interview team, consisting of CPS Principal Levi Brown, TMS Principal Mark Kenney, Director of Special Services and Curriculum Paula Leavitt, and Murphy, offered interviews to three candidates, but only two were able to attend.

Following review of the candidates, Murphy said, "It was the unanimous feeling of the group that we would be well served by having Cheryl at the helm of Telstar High School in the



Cheryl Lang
A. Wight Chapman

coming year."

He said Lang, who completed her certification as a building administrator in June, had worked closely with Bell during the past year.

Lang has a strong background in curriculum development, which will be a primary focus at the high school, as well as a good rapport with students, Murphy said.

"As the dean, Cheryl actually moved her office upstairs into the academic wing and situated herself

right in the middle of everything so she could be more hands-on and more visible to the student body," he said.

Several directors commended Lang for her capability, positive attitude, and concern for the students.

Director Sheryl Morgan of Woodstock said she knows Lang from her perspective both as a board member and as the grandmother of a Telstar student.

"Cheryl's door was always open, and she handled everything that we asked of her," Morgan said.

"I feel very strongly that we want to continue the progress we've made this past year," Lang told the board.

"We've made a lot of gains and I've learned a lot along the way. I feel that I am going to be a great fit for this position."

Lang was offered the same two-year contract that was given to Bell last year, with a salary of \$83,000 in the first year and \$85,000 in the second year.

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Reggae festival at Mt. Abram

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Mt. Abram will host "Green Woods Reggae Revival" July 25, in the first of what mountain General Manager Dave Scanlon hopes will eventually become a summer series of concerts.

"I've always envisioned having a mid-sized outdoor music festival," Scanlon said Friday, but because Mt. Abram lacked the expertise to carry out an entire event, a partner would be needed, he said.

This past winter he was contacted by Josh Gates of Evolve2Advance, which promotes independent art and culture.

"We work with a conver-

gence of creative peoples across a variety of mediums and trades; engaging artists, musicians, and food artisans with a progressive audience," Gates said.

"I've wanted to organize an event at Mt. Abram for quite some time. Growing up in South Paris, I suppose it's always been a dream of mine to do something like this in the area. A professional, family friendly concert that embraces Western Maine values, friends, community and fun."

It was just the arrangement Scanlon said he was looking for.

Eight bands will perform, including President Brown and Sister Carol. The orga-

nizers hope for a crowd of between 350 and 500 people.

The event's website describes camping, swimming and dancing, with "14 hours of Reggae music from internationally acclaimed artists to local bands and dancehall DJs. Green Woods Reggae Revival offers camping, vending, activities, children's area, BBQ, beer garden and more."

For more information go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/green-woods-reggae-revival-tickets-16050247723>

Scanlon said he hopes that in the long term Mt. Abram will be able to offer several genres of summer entertainment, including possibly jazz and country music.

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Letters

NEWRY WITHDRAWAL THOUGHTS

To the Editor:

I see that the SAD 44 School Board is asking the Commissioner of Education to suspend withdrawal negotiations with Newry. I think it is time the School Board shows its students how to be stand up leaders. The Superintendent and School Board got us into this situation over 10 years ago when they got the original exemption. That would have been the time to sit down and negotiate an equitable path for all the towns in the district. Unfortunately, the exemption was passed by the state legislators with no public hearing or citizen involvement. So here we are.

The board says that they are far apart and negotiations seem unlikely to be productive. I think they are right. But only because they have been unwilling to negotiate. A funding formula change would have been good. But currently you cannot ignore the state withdrawal process. Whether the board likes it or not, Newry, or any other town, has the right to be independent. Just because you favor their money does not give you the right to deny any town fair and due process. The board should continue to negotiate in good faith, and if they can handle two things at once, they should start up a committee to look into a finding formula solution. Once again, I believe Newry is willing to pay more than its fair share. But they, like any town, need to be treated fairly. Maine's highest court has recognized that an arrangement in which member towns share school district costs on a per pupil basis will "result in each town's bearing a tax burden generally commensurate with the special benefits it derived" from the district. In other words, you should expect to get what you pay for.

Basically, the state changed to per pupil so that towns would pay for the true cost of the students that they send to the district. I haven't seen anywhere in the law a requirement that all the towns in a district should be paying the same educational tax rate. This is rhetoric from Marcel Polak that has nothing to do with how school taxes should be assessed. The state really made the process very easy when they changed the funding formula from property valuation to per pupil. I hope everyone can stay at the table until a new funding formula can be worked out, not to "appease at least some Newry residents," (SAD 44 Proposes Suspending Newry Withdrawal Process, Bethel Citizen, July 2, 2015), but because it is the right thing to do.

Doug Webster
Newry

DANCING IS BACK AT THE ALBANY TOWN HOUSE

To the Editor:

The Albany Improvement Association is pleased to announce the return of a Saturday night dance at the Albany Town House. Once a popular and regular event, the custom was discontinued many decades ago, and the building fell into disrepair. To celebrate extensive renovations to the old hall – including the recent installation of indoor plumbing – the AIA invites one and all to hit the dance floor and enjoy the music of the Shadagee Ramblers on Saturday, Aug. 8 from 7:30 to 9:30. Entry fee is \$5. Doors open at 7. For more information, call 824-2216.

Bob O'Brien
Albany Improvement Association

SNC ART SHOW THANKS

To the Editor:

This year's 11th Annual Shy, Novice & Closeted Art Show was a fabulous success due to the 41 artist who shared their works of art. A big thank you to the many hands that helped prepare and hang the show. To the Mahosuc Arts Council, thank you for your gracious promotion of our event and for your continued effort supporting the arts in our community. Thank you to all neighbors, family, and friends of the Shy, Novice & Closeted artists who attended this year's show. The quality and variety of art was simply top notch!

Thank you to Melvin and his rock'n blues band that livened the Annual Friday Night Artisan's Soiree celebration. Bess Mahoney dawned the table with a delicious array of hors d'oeuvres and Jana Kibbe graciously offered her artistic talent by designing and printing our advertising.

Shy, Novice & Closeted artists came from Bethel, Andover, Albany, Greenwood, Bryant Pond, West Bethel, Rumford, Sumner, Oxford and a few folks with connections to Western Maine who live in Kennebunk, Falmouth, and Union. This year our participants ranged in ages 8 to 87, using a variety of art mediums including finger painting, fine pen & ink, delicate quilling, fabric artistry, watercolor, pastel, oils, mask making, photography, poetry, and wood carving.

The Shy, Novice & Closeted Art Show is a win-win-win event. Artists are supported to share their work, which can be a frightening and/or overwhelming task. Folks who come to visit the show are amazed and delighted by the quality, skill, and effort of their fellow community members. And everyone leaves inspired.

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CORRECTION ON ROAD RACE TIME

To the Editor:

A quick correction to last week's letter regarding the MollyOckett Day Classic road races: The kids' 1-mile race will start at 8:15 a.m., not 8:45 as previously published, on Saturday, July 18. The 5-mile run and 2-mile walk will start at 9 a.m. There will also be a Diaper Dash with three divisions: crawlers, toddlers up to 24 months, and pre-schoolers up to 36 months. Check-in will be on The Bethel Inn Resort's side lawn adjacent to the common. Come out and cheer on the racers of all ages!

Handicapped parking will be available until 2 p.m. in the lot behind The Bethel Inn Conference Center. To access this, check with the road guard at the corner of Mason and Broad Streets. The theme of this year's parade is "Celebrating Local Talent." There sure is a lot of that! For schedule details, parade applications, and lots more information, see www.mollyockettday.com. Hope to see you at Bethel's favorite event of the summer!

Jessie Perkins
Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

SAFE ROADS FOR CYCLING

To the Editor:

Can the elected stewards, our representatives, get together to scout an infrastructure plan for safe biking in districts, towns and state? I've written to the editor before about state laws being just and needing no refinement. There may be many working on proposals, but all such proposals would have to be codified in law and worked out with fundraising monies, preferably from bicyclists ourselves, from grants, and matching funds. If stewardship members who themselves bike, get together to form a sort of coalition in the House and in local governments, we might see this happen.

Big and small businesses would benefit from safer roads and designated off-road bike paths such as are found in other states and on Prince Edward Island and other Canadian provinces. We want paved shoulders on highways and byways, and the paving of breakdown lanes as a safety net for all traffic. Because of deep, soft sand shoulders, narrow lanes, and 18-wheelers, tankers, and pulp trucks faring blind curves on two-lane roads – bits of glass, drag, and instability – these unstable shoulders make moving off onto them a dangerous proposition in traffic.

Prince Edward Island converted defunct rail lines into bike paths years ago. We might do the same to great advantage of Maine's tourism. Tourists bring money for small businesses to prosper, and biking has been de-focused, neglected in our resort areas. Cyclists want to bike in Maine, but the roads are unsafe, despite claims on websites connected to Maine.gov that we are a "bike friendly" state. Main is not bike friendly. For the safety of bicyclists and drivers of other vehicles, this claim should not be made.

One important aspect for legislators working on this problem is the designated dedicated use of all bike monies to the project, and to be used for no other purpose than making safe biking places. There might be a special dedicated tax on bikes bought and sold in the state. However, bike registration may not be the way since that would entail added bureaucratic expense and make it a hardship for those who cannot afford to register. For many people in this state, biking is the only way they have to get around, get to work and run errands.

Hopefully, some way will be found to make Maine "bike friendly" for all.

Susan Dorman
Bethel

GEM SHOW THANKS

To the Editor:

Thanks to all who attended last week's Gem Show at Telstar run by the Oxford County Gem & Mineral Association. A lot of hard work by many dedicated club members goes into this annual event and it showed by how smoothly things went. We appreciate all the dealers and collectors who briefly showed us some of their wonderful minerals and SAD 44 for the temporary loan of the High School, as well as the great food served by the AmVets.

Ken Briggs, President OCG&MA
Woodstock

From the Bethel Town Manager

BY CHRISTINE M. LANDES

As always, it is my pleasure to provide this bi-weekly column for the citizens of Bethel.

After all of the local and national news surrounding safety when discharging fireworks, I would like to remind residents to use caution. Some people have animals that are very afraid of the noise and other people have to pick up the left over trash after the explosion. I ask everyone to use some courtesy with your neighbors and others when setting them off. Please limit the use of the explosives to your private lot. Do not light them in the roadway where motorists are trying to pass. With a little compassion, we all can enjoy the great times that holidays/events bring, while respecting those around us.

The Town Office is now providing Funtown/Splashtown tickets at a reduced cost for area residents. Each ticket is \$27! That is a savings of \$9 per ticket for those 48-inches and taller. We have a limited number of tickets available so make sure you pick yours up today!

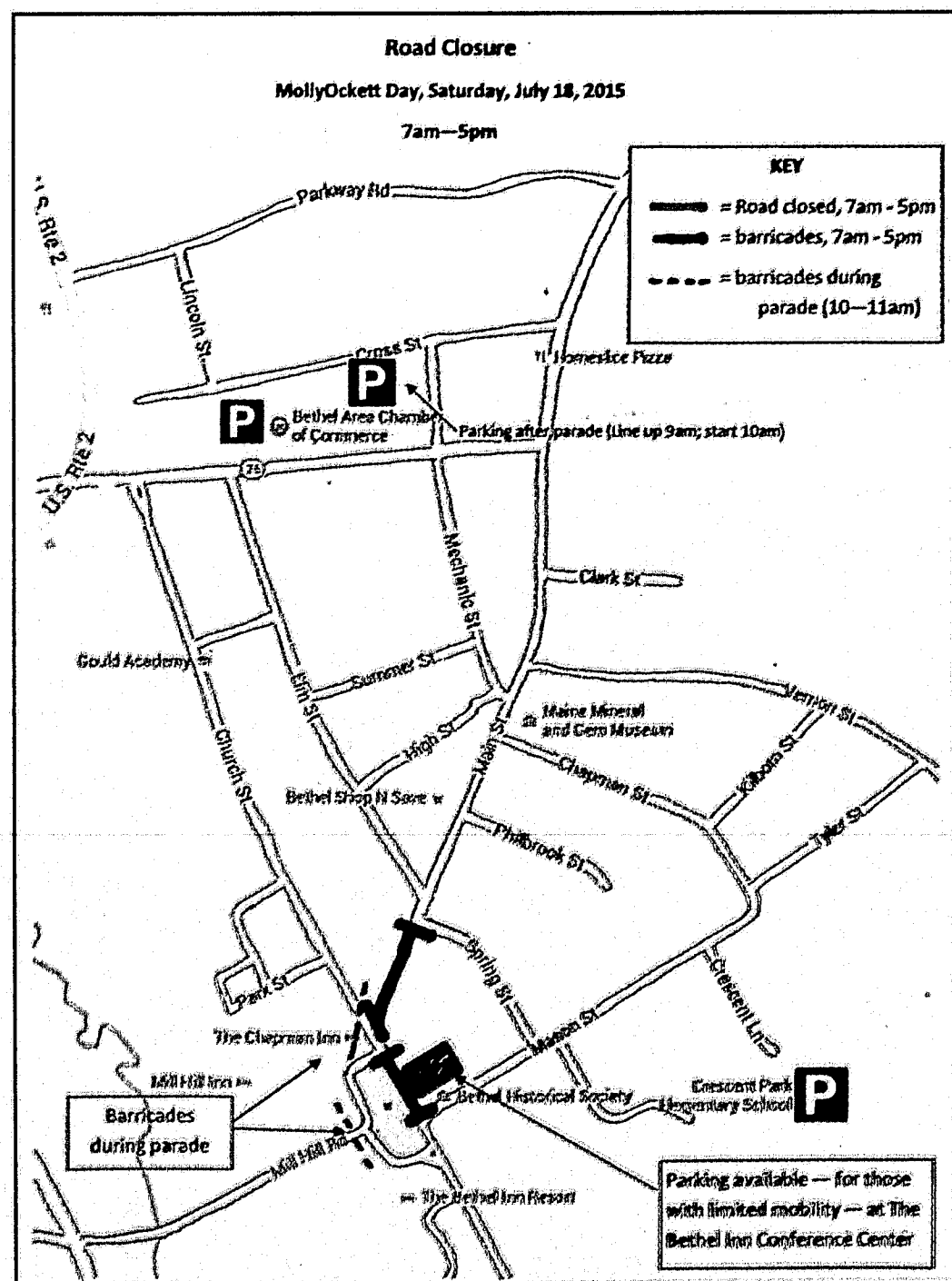
Fall Soccer registration is open until July 24. You may register online at oxfordhillsathleticboosters.com or at open enrollment at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School on July 30, Aug. 1 and 4. The league is for first through sixth grade players.

I would like to remind everyone that any meetings by committees, authorities, commissions or boards are open to the public. The only exception to this would be executive sessions. I encourage each resident to become involved and be aware of the events happening in our communities and back yards. The more input we have from each of you, the easier we can make the decisions in the best interest of all.

The Ordinance Review Committee continues to meet and brainstorm ways to "fix" the Sewer and Water Code. The group has read and critiqued other town's ordinances and also crunched the numbers to determine where we need to be to pay for the facility. If anyone has any ideas please let me, or one of the members know. When the final code is submitted for voter approval, they want to make sure all concerns were addressed and noted in one way or another.

The Tri Town Trash Committee (Bethel, Newry and Hanover representatives) are well on their way to finalizing compactor plans at the Transfer Station. The residents of the three towns will be very pleased with the design and upgrade at the facility. Brochures will be available in the near future on recycling and solid waste disposal procedures with the new equipment. Each of you will find it will be much more convenient and easier than what you have been doing. Continue to look for updates.

If there is anything I, or the employees of the town, can do for you please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here for you.



MAP OF MOLLYOCKETT ROAD CLOSURES-This map, provided by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, shows road closures and parking information for Saturday's MollyOckett Days festival.

Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN NICKERSON

10 years ago: Members of the Newry Fire Dept. and Bethel and Tri-Town Rescue teamed up to rescue a Pennsylvania man who fell trying to jump across Screw Auger Falls.

Amy's Bakeshop at the corner of Route 26 and East Bethel Road in Locke's Mills was open for business featuring pies, cookies, whoopie pies, breads, muffins and rolls.

Deaths: Sylvia Ann Tutko, Richard C. James, Jr., Robert Hinkley, Sr., Marvin J. Binete.

20 years ago: After weeks of dry weather, western Maine got a substantial rainfall that brought much needed relief for the drought.

Winning floats in the MollyOckett Day parade, which featured a "Bethel in the '40s" theme, were Pooh Corner Farm, the Bethel Bicentennial Committee, and Dr. John Mason's office.

Births: Benjamin Hunter Conkright, Regan Mackenzie Souve.

Deaths: Eva H. Record, Harold Basil White.

30 years ago: The State Legislature issued a citation of recognition to The Bethel Oxford County Citizen for their "outstanding services to date."

Kay Zimmer joined the staff of the Evans Notch Ranger District as its new forestry technician.

Birth: Forest Alden Duplessis.

Deaths: Lawrence B. Billings, Desmond L. Oakes.

40 years ago: Drs. Om and Usha Wadhwa announced the opening of their offices on Paradise Hill Road, Bethel.

Alan Chapman, Bethel, received top honors in the woodsmen's events at the Pulp and Paper Days held in Jay.

Births: Marietta Tasanauau Walker, Christopher Martin.

Deaths: Melford Nelson Perham, Ralph E. Hatstat, Sr., Archie R. Cummings.

50 years ago: A ditch-digger owned by Neill Pipeline Corporation of Dallas, Texas, was in the area preparing the way for the Portland Pipeline's new 24-inch crude oil line.

"Forest Lodge" consisting of four buildings on two acres on Rapid River was listed for sale for \$12,500.

Births: Cheryl Lee Carrier, Adam Carl Gammon.

60 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Fossett entertained members of the Methodist Couples Club at their cottage at Pemaquid.

Members of the Gould Academy Class of 1940 enjoyed at reunion at Songo Pond Beach.

Births: Cynthia Joan Kallay, Deven Andrews.

Death: Mrs. Pearl Weeks Lombard.

70 years ago: Clayton Mills purchased the building on Main Street formerly occupied by the Star Lunch. Ernest Mundt bought the Nelle Burbank property on Railroad Street.

Death: Mrs. Mary Powers Benton.

80 years ago: Vacation Bible School held closing exercises at the Congregational Church.

Bears were reported killing stock in pastures.

90 years ago: There was a large attendance at the Middle Intervale Community Get-Together. Open house was held at the Carter homestead.

The fire whistle was put out of commission by lightning.

Death: Frank Young.

100 years ago: Edward P. Lyon purchased the jewelry and phonograph departments of the Edward King store.

The town of Rumford appropriated \$45,000 for the construction of a public building.

110 years ago: John Swan and a crew of carpenters had begun the erection of D.C. Philbrook's house on Mechanic Street.

A large delegation of people attended the Ringling circus at Berlin.

Death: Mrs. Lois Cordelia Bean.

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Notes from the State House

BY REP. FRANCES HEAD

I have put together a collection of highlights from the First Regular Session of the 127th Legislature. These summaries are a snapshot of the Legislative Session and provide short descriptions of a few major initiatives that may be of interest to you.

Lyme Disease

L.D. 422 - "An Act To Improve Access to Treatments for Lyme Disease." The bill allows physicians in the State of Maine to administer or dispense long-term antibiotic therapy to a patient with acute, persistent or chronic Lyme disease. Lyme Disease is a growing problem in Maine, and this bill gives physicians more options if the typical 28-Day antibiotic treatment is not successful.

2015/2016 Biennial Budget

The budget agreement passed by the Legislature includes:

- \$171 million in income tax relief that will benefit all Mainers.
- Military pensions exempt from state taxes making Maine more attractive to military retirees.
- The estate tax was lowered to conform to federal rates. The first \$5.5 million will now be exempt.
- Over the next two years, nursing homes will receive an additional \$2 million with a federal draw down of \$16 million.
- The budget agreement also implements a tiered system that will allow Mainers to transition from welfare to work.

Second Amendment rights
I am pleased to report that the Legislature voted to uphold Maine's second amendment rights.

L.D. 652 - "An Act To Authorize the Carrying of Concealed Handguns without a Permit" passed through both bodies and was signed by Governor LePage.

L.D. 823 - "An Act To Upgrade the Concealed Handgun Permit Law" requires the Chief of the State Police to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states regarding the recognition of concealed handgun permits.

Welfare reform

L.D. 722 - "An Act To Strengthen Penalties for Abuse of General Assistance" passed through the House of Representatives with a vote of 145-2. The bill requires anyone that makes a false representation of a material fact to obtain municipal general assistance be ineligible to receive further assistance for a period of 120 days or until reimbursement is made to the municipalities.

Thank you for allowing me to represent House District 117. As always, feel free to contact me if you ever have any questions.

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OTHER STAFF CHANGES

The School Board approved the nomination of Margaret Templeton as a K-5 special education teacher. She has been a special education teacher at Paris Elementary School since 2012, and previously worked as an education technician and as a special education teacher at private schools.

Murphy said there is still an opening for a special education teacher at Telstar.

The appointment of a middle school science teacher was tabled until the August meeting.

Murphy announced the resignation of THS math teacher Jim Rose. Rose was a long-time science teacher at Telstar who left the district several years ago, then returned to teach math. Murphy said Rose has accepted a teaching position in southern Maine.

SCHEDULE CHANGES DELAYED

After a group of Telstar parents brought their concerns about proposed new scheduling at the high school to the attention of the School Board at last month's meeting, the high school administrators

have decided to delay implementation of the schedule changes for a year.

"The high school administration listened very carefully to the comments that were brought forward by the parents," Murphy said.

He said there will be further discussions over an extended period of time to ensure that parents and students understand the reasoning behind the proposed schedule changes.

For the 2015-16 school year, THS will use the same schedule that has been in place for most of the past two decades. It consists of alternating "blue" and "white" days, each composed of four 80-minute blocks, with most core classes meeting on alternate days.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION?

Following an executive session to discuss the possible acquisition of property, the board voted to authorize the superintendent to research the property that abuts the Telstar athletic complex, to seek estimates for appraisals, and to report back to the Board at their Aug. 24 meeting. No further details were provided.

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Forest itself.

Road resident Tammy Davis said at last week's meeting that former Town Manager Jim Doar had told road residents two years ago that the road would not be used for public access to Bingham trails.

Other road residents said the BFA has not kept those on the road informed of its plans.

"I'm very upset that you never communicated with us," said Cynthia Trinward. Her husband, Kevin, said the BFA needs "to put a brake on this," until more information on the process can be obtained.

Some residents have expressed concern about a video on the website of Maheosuc Pathways, which is handling the trail planning, in which proponents discuss the potential for a "world-class recreational facility" that has "limitless opportunities."

Davis said a long-term recreational plan should be a small one, not one with "70,000 visits ... Let's think small, and think high quality. I think it can be win-win."

Road resident Nancy Annis said safety for vehicles traveling the narrow road is a worry even now.

"With just residents, it's a challenge to keep it safe," she said.

Davis said the town has not proven it has legal access over the road, which was discontinued by the town many years ago. According to the town, it still has an easement to use the road.

Davis also said if the road were to be used for access, it needed to be widened to two lanes.

She said outsiders are already negatively impacting land on the road by doing such things as building fires and trying to haul ATVs into the area to ride. She said she has a long list of such activities.

Rick Angevine wondered about potential parties taking advantage of the land.

"Who will police it?" he asked.

The residents also questioned whether the plan is in keeping with the wishes of William Bingham, who had stipulated in the 1920s that if the land were to no longer be used as a water supply, it should go to the state as a preserve-type resource.

They worried about the environmental/wildlife impact of mountain bikers on a new trail system. Vern Davis said the current trail construction is happening in the area of a deer wintering yard.

Brooks Morton of Newry,



Julia Reuter speaks at last week's Bingham Forest Authority meeting.

A. Aloisio

who was filming the meeting for local public access TV, asked the board, "When are you going to admit [the trail building] is a change of use and appear before the Newry Planning Board?"

The Bingham parcel is actually located in Newry. Morton had raised the question in the past when he was a Newry selectman.

BFA RESPONDS

BFA board members and trail builder Jeremy Nellis tried to address the concerns.

Chairman Brent Angevine said the decision to go ahead with trail plans was a very public one.

"What we did tonight was all done before," he said, noting there had been public hearings and a Town Meeting vote on the plan several years ago.

He acknowledged concerns about road safety and said the board had looked for alternative access to the land from neighboring parcels for two and a half years, without success.

"Everyone said 'no,'" said Angevine.

He also said the online video was intended as a fundraising tool to try to acquire another access.

The town is currently working with the Trust for Public Lands to potentially purchase an adjacent property, but that process could take months or years, officials have said. Angevine said the Daisy Bryant Road would still be needed in some capacity even if the TPL effort is successful.

Angevine also said the Bingham management plan recommended a detailed forest wildlife inventory be con-

ducted, but an inventory has not yet been done. "There have been many accommodations for wildlife based on expert recommendations and site visits," he said. He also said at Monday's meeting there were no deer wintering yards.

Regarding the need for going through a Planning Board process, BFA officials have said so far their activities do not require an application in Newry.

Angevine also said the BFA had gone to the Bethel Planning Board, but the board did not require an application process.

As for the road easement, board member Jarrod Crockett said the BFA obtained legal verification of the town's right to use the road before proceeding with the trails plan. But, he said, it would not include rights to double the width of the road.

Still, said Crockett, "if we don't take active steps to make it safer, people are going to go up there anyway."

Regarding the wishes of William Bingham, said Crockett, the Bingham Fund has made contributions to the project. "We have the blessing of the heirs," he said.

On the question of the impact of the trails on the environment, Nellis said they are being constructed to strict standards and would not lead to mud holes, as some have suggested.

The trails, when completed, will be only 18 inches to two feet wide, he said.

He also said the land does not lend itself to a "50-mile" trail system.

As for parties using the

land, Nellis said when recreationists such as bikers start using property, those offenses tend to decline because the recreationists report the activity.

BIKERS

Mountain bikers present at the Thursday meeting said the mountain biking community is typically very respectful of trail lands.

Some spoke of the need and value of having a trail system in Bethel.

Karen Wilson of Rumford said, "Communities all over do this. It's unusual we don't have this in Western Maine."

She also said the Sunday River Resort mountain bike trails are all downhill, and a place she would not take her kids biking.

Others cited the economic benefit of a trail system, citing the Kingdom Trails in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom.

Julia Reuter said she trusted the local trail builders, but expressed concern about communications with the abutters.

MONDAY COMMENTS

At Monday's selectmen's meeting, the board heard again from several road residents, as well as developer Ron Savage, who also wondered why the project didn't need to come before the Planning Board.

He said private developers would not be allowed to proceed with a project such as Bingham, which he described as a change of use. Savage said it was not fair to abutters to the Bingham property not to have the plan scrutinized by the Planning Board, accompanied by formal abutter notifications.

Before voting to have the town attorney review documents related to the road, selectmen said some abutters are saying their deeds differ from the easement language. "We've got to get it right," said Selectman Don Bennett.

Town Manager Christine Landes said after the meeting that the current trail work will continue while the attorney researches the issue.

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Briefly

Police seek burglary suspects

WOODSTOCK-A search for suspects wanted in connection with a rash of burglaries in Woodstock and Greenwood is underway, police said Wednesday. Oxford County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Hart Daley said the department did not release a description of the suspects over concern it could cause them to flee the area. There were at least seven reported break-ins in the two towns over the weekend, with homeowners reporting the theft of jewelry and money, according to police logs. - C. Crosby, Sun Media

Money-minder volunteers needed

BETHEL-Seniors Plus is seeking volunteers in the Bethel area to help seniors and adults with disabilities pay bills and balance their checkbooks. The hours needed are flexible- two to four hours per month, and usually one or two visits a month. All training and support is provided. People who like numbers, balancing a checkbook and solving challenges are encouraged to participate. For more information contact Volunteer Coordinator Heather Chandel at 513-3710 or e-mail hchandel@seniorsplus.org.

No action on one-inch setback error

BETHEL-The Board of Selectmen unanimously voted Monday to draft a letter to a Westbrook construction company stating the town won't take action against it for not meeting the setback requirements for the Family Dollar store. Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Warden told the board that Benchmark Construction, general contractor for construction of a Family Dollar on Mayville Road, said the bank will not offer financing for construction because a survey indicated that the building does not meet the town's site plan requirements. "The site plan says that the Family Dollar building needs to be set back 20 feet from the property line shared with the Rite Aid on Mayville Road," Warden said. "A survey indicated that the building is 19.9 feet away from the property line." Warden said the difference between the building's placement and the required distance is "only an inch and a fraction, which, in my opinion, can be within a margin of error." A Benchmark Construction employee said the letter would allow the town to acknowledge that the Family Dollar building "does not meet the code 100 percent, but that the town won't take action against Benchmark Construction for any future issues." Selectman Don Bennett said, "I see no reason to make a change or do anything to stop them from continuing building the store. I think if we didn't draft the letter, we'd have an even bigger crowd here at our next meeting saying, 'What the hell are you doing to business in town?'" The board voted 4-0 to draft the letter, with Lloyd Sweetser absent. - M. Daigle, Sun Media

Woodstock selectmen meeting change

WOODSTOCK-The Woodstock Board of Selectmen will not hold a regular meeting on July 21, but on July 28 at 5 p.m. at the Town Office.

Parties seek solution to cycling issues

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Oxford County's sheriff, district attorney, and a representative from the Bicycle Coalition of Maine were among those taking part in a discussion at Monday's Bethel selectmen's meeting on the rules of the road for cyclists and motorists.

They didn't always see eye to eye, but agreed that education - and perhaps a formal course offered by BCM that might also bring commercial truck owners into local schools - is the best way to address recent problems and conflicts on area roads.

Selectmen had fielded complaints this spring from local motorists, many of them commercial vehicle drivers, about the difficulty of passing cyclists on area roads. The Gould Academy cycling team was cited as being a particular problem be-

cause of multiple cyclists in a group.

The board invited Sheriff Wayne Gallant, District Attorney Andrew Robinson and BCM Assistant Director Jim Tasse to meet with them and discuss laws relating to cycling and possible solutions to the problems.

Tasse used the analogy of a slow farm tractor riding the road in order to describe how motorists should deal with cyclists. "You come up and wait till there's a safe place to pass," he said.

Commercial driver Bob Blake, however, said he has known of truck drivers who have had to follow cyclists "for miles."

Selectman Peter Southam, who is also the Gould cycling coach, asked Blake to estimate how much total time he had lost following cyclists over a period of weeks.

"I have no idea," said Blake.

"My time is valuable. How much time would they lose if they pulled over to let me by?"

Gallant said the law requires if a vehicle is driving so slow as to impede the normal flow of traffic, it has to yield.

But Tasse said a group of 20 cyclists traveling ahead of one vehicle might be the norm in that situation.

Gallant, however, said the speed limit is the norm, and that a farm vehicle would have to pull to the side and so would a bike.

Robinson read from law saying that the driver of a slowly-moving vehicle must keep to the right as much as is "practicable" and allow faster vehicles "reasonable free passage to the left."

All parties said safety is important, and Tasse said compromises need to be found.

He also said cycling is also a business that makes money for some. "A lot of money is to be made in bicycle tourism," he said.

As for better educating cyclists on the rules of the road, Tasse said he teaches a course for BCM that could be brought to Bethel.

Businessman Ron Savage, who has commercial vehicles, said he would be willing to meet with school students as part of an educational effort.

In other business Monday, selectmen:

Approved \$28,000 from Capital Improvements for design work for a sidewalk project on lower Main Street, to be built in about 18 months;

Approved \$36,697 for Bethel's portion of compactors for the Transfer Station;

Appointed Rebecca Record to the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Notes from the Gilead selectmen's meeting

July 8, 2015

The Board of Selectmen met at 6 p.m. at the Town Office on July 8. Officers present were: The three Selectmen-Jeremy Morin, Steve McLain, Alfred Leighton; Town Clerk/Treasurer/Registrar of Voters, Linsley Chapman; Tax Collector/Admin. Asst, Judy Perrille.

Treasurer Warrants were reviewed. July Wrap Up Warrant 7A: Vote: Moved and seconded to accept. All three selectmen voted in favor. July Warrant 7: Two items were removed for further review. Vote: Moved and seconded to approve payment of the bills listed with the exception of two items that were to be removed (\$480.98-Bond Auto bill, not signed by Road Commissioner and \$5,580.00-snowmobile money, not submitted with requested documents). All three selectmen voted in favor.

Discussion Regarding: Purchase of used fire truck.

Result: After reviewing the response from the informational public meeting on June 25, the selectmen decided to hold a special town meeting on Saturday, July 25 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. An ad will be placed in the Bethel Citizen for two weeks prior to the meeting. There will be one article to vote on: "To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a used fire truck. Recommendation: \$23,000." Vote: Moved and seconded to hold the special town meeting on July 25. All three selectmen voted in favor. (Note: There were 16 registered voters and three non-residents (members of the Fire Department) present at the public meeting to listen to the presentation by the Fire Chief Randall Grondin.)

Discussion Regarding: 2015 Real Estate Taxes. Result: Selectmen decided to contact John E. O'Donnell

& Associates to find out how soon they can review the material and get the 2015 taxes ready to be committed to the Tax Collector and mailed out to the taxpayers of Gilead. If all goes well, the taxes will come out near the first of September and be due and payable in October before interest begins. This will hopefully result in not having tax bills sent out to the taxpayers in November and due around Christmas.

Discussion Regarding: The school budget meeting that happened just before the selectmen's meeting. Result: The Selectmen reviewed the paperwork. One school warrant was for a refund and was accompanied by a check. The other warrant was for reimbursement to SAD 44 for state money that will be received by the town. Vote: Moved and seconded to sign the school warrants. All three selectmen voted in favor. (Note: The special

school budget meeting was held to remove funds from surplus to cover expenses from last year. There were no additional funds raised.)

Discussion Regarding: Portland Pipeline Abatement. Result: Selectmen discussed and noted that the abatement check had been mailed.

Discussion Regarding: Upcoming office hours. Result: Judy Perrille reminded the selectmen that during July there will be a couple of Tuesdays that the office hours will change. On July 21, the office will be open from 5 to 7 p.m. only and on July 28, the office will be closed. (Note: Notice of this has been put into the Gilead column for the Bethel Citizen and it appears in these notes that are also in the Citizen.)

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. Vote: All three selectmen voted in favor.

(Linsley Chapman, Town Clerk, is writer of these notes from the meeting.)

School

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formance Grading System launched that year by Gov. Paul LePage.

"We have a very low student-to-teacher ratio. We have plenty of people to ensure that every student gets what they need to be proficient," Carter said, adding, "When we get an F, instead of holding anybody at all accountable for it, we give everybody a new contract and a raise."

Merlino said that over the

past 10 years, the district has spent \$100 million on education, yet 60 percent of 11th-graders test below average in some subjects.

"Those kinds of stats are not acceptable," he said.

He also expressed frustration that the school budget has not been reduced over the years as the student population of the district has declined.

"We need to mind the store and watch out for the mon-

ey, where it goes, get the bang for the buck, be transparent," Merlino said.

Bethel director Frank DelDuca said that in his three years on the board, he had often felt that board members did not have as much information as they needed to make decisions.

"I'd like to see us be more of a board that directs things and has the answers before we start putting new programs in place, versus just running from the seat of our pants," he said.

Cross disagreed with the assessment that not enough

information is provided to directors at full board meetings.

"I find that our committees work very well, so that we don't have to do as much homework as individuals," she said.

"I'm actually quite disappointed that some people come to these meetings ill-prepared, and don't seek out advice from the superintendent, who will give you information that you may need, instead of taking up time at the board level discussing useless information that gets us nowhere."

"I think this is a really good discussion, but this is a challenging time to do this," said Marcel Polak of Woodstock, who suggested that a board retreat was needed in order to discuss the direction the board should take.

Eight directors voted in favor of re-electing Cross as chair, with four opposed.

TRANSPARENCY

Newly elected Greenwood director Norman Millard objected to what he described as "abridged" minutes, saying he was troubled that the minutes of board meetings do not include a verbatim account of everything that is said.

Superintendent David Murphy said the School Board minutes have historically provided a shortened version of the events of meetings, including the results of votes and a summary of discussion.

"That abridged, or shortened, version leads to the perception that the board or the district is lacking in transparency," Millard said, "and there is significant concern in the public about lack of transparency."

When Murphy explained that the meetings are recorded, Millard asked why a transcript is not made from the recordings for the minutes.

"The minutes are taken from the recordings, but not word for word," said Murphy.

Millard then read a lengthy statement introducing himself to the School Board, requesting that the full text of his statement be entered into the public record of the meeting.

Millard said he comes to the board "with a fair

amount of skepticism that this board has sufficient independent autonomy to fulfill its mandate as an oversight body. In addition, I am concerned that the public records of this board lend to the public perception that there is very little transparency in the workings of this district."

He said he had reviewed the board's minutes for the past 18 months.

"In doing so, I find it difficult to not draw the conclusion that this board, in most cases, is simply rubberstamping decisions that have already been made. There appears to be very little deliberative discussion on matters at the board level during monthly meetings."

Millard said he believed decisions about policy, personnel, and finance should be discussed and decided on the full board level in order to maintain transparency to the public.

Newry director Bonnie Largess had said earlier in the meeting that she had been on the board for several years, and until recently had always felt that board members did their homework, came prepared to meetings, and "things got done."

"We can't possibly know everything," Largess said. "I myself depend on the other subcommittees' [reports]. And I do ask—I'll call Roberta (Taylor, chair of the Education Committee) about education; if I have a question about policy, I'll call Julie (Davis, chair of the Policy Committee)."

Largess said the current climate on the board does not lend itself to productivity.

"We're not going to get anywhere. We need to work together," she said. "I feel like I'm in middle school, and we can't get along on the playground."

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Regarding a perceived lack of transparency, Largess said, "If more citizens came to the meetings, then we would know what people want."

During the citizen comment period, Jackie Bell of Bethel said she thought it was wonderful that the board backed the district staff, but she wondered who was watching out for the tax-

payers.

Woodstock director Julie Davis responded that board members area all taxpayers as well.

"But you have a voice, and we don't," said Bell.

"You can get your voice by running for School Board. You can get your voice by contacting people on the Board," said Cross, who added that in her 15 years on the School Board she had only been contacted by citizens a handful of times.

DelDuca said that because of his exposure to the public through his work, he regularly hears from district residents about their concerns.

"There is quite a lot of questioning as far as what we do here on the board," he said.

Bethel director Amy Forbes DeVivo reminded board members that they are responsible for educating themselves.

"Each and every one of us needs to be held accountable," she said.

She said issues are studied in detail at the committee level, and "I encourage everyone who has an issue with policy to go to a Policy Committee meeting, who has an issue with finance to go to the Finance Committee."

TRANSPARENCY POLICY

Millard concluded his remarks by requesting that the board establish a policy regarding transparency.

That item was added to the agenda, and the board later voted unanimously to direct the Policy Committee to draft such a policy, and to bring it before the full board at their August 24 meeting. Should the committee be unable to draft the policy by that time, it will report to the board on its progress.

Murphy agreed with Polak and others that the discussion at Monday's meeting was a clear indication of a need for a School Board retreat in order to establish unity and have "an overall discussion about the way we do business as a school district."

"Let's continue to move forward, let's look at this as a positive. Let's not draw a line in the sand and separate 'this group' versus 'that group.' Doing so just prohibits its progress," he said.

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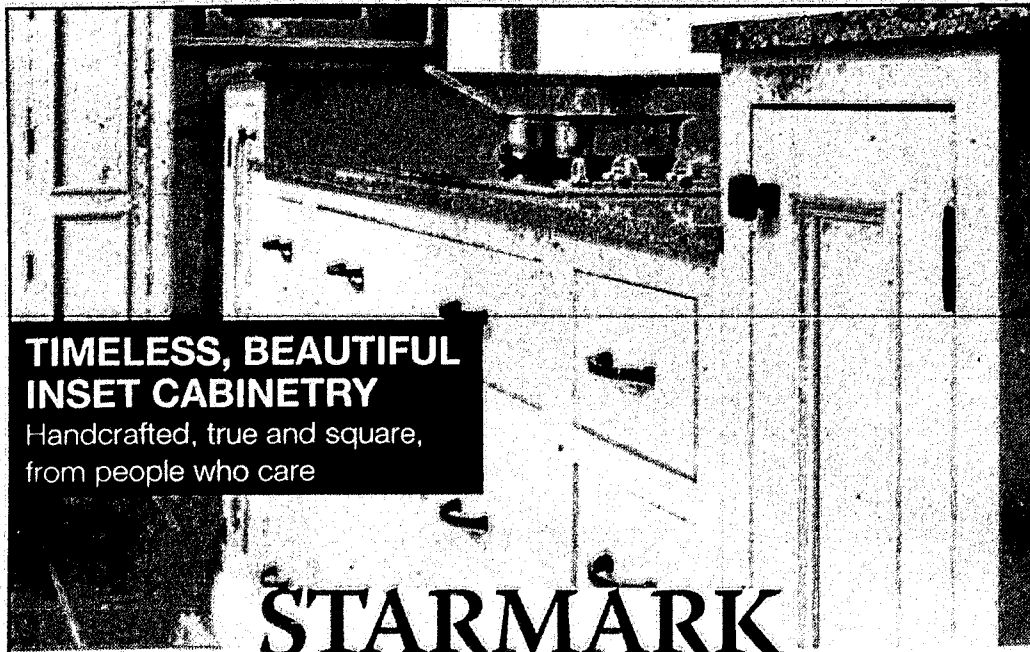
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Tuesday, July 7

At 12:39 p.m. a deputy responded to Vernon Street in Bethel for a report of a missing lock box, reportedly taken from a residence. Deputy Matt McDonnell was assigned.

At 8:31 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham was notified of information regarding a subject recently served a protection from abuse order in Bethel.

Wednesday, July 8

At 1:58 p.m. a Bethel business on Mayville Road requested that two subjects be served trespass warnings. Deputy Matt McDonnell was assigned.

Friday, July 10

At 7:13 a.m. an attempted burglary was reported on Church Street in Woodstock. Deputy Josh Daley was assigned, and the incident was under investigation.

At 10:50 a.m. Deputy Josh Daley was approached at the Bethel substation by a complainant reporting a burglary/theft. The incident was under investigation.

At 6:42 p.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell charged Meryl A. Kelly, 26, with operating without a license in Bethel.

At 6:53 p.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell responded to the Intervale Road in Bethel for a report of vandalism on a vehicle.

At 6:58 p.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell responded to Mason Street in Bethel for a report of a theft. A tenant who moved out of an apartment had reportedly taken furniture belonging to the landlord.

At 7:10 p.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell received information on drugs in the Bethel area.

At 10:48 p.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell responded to Chandler Hill Road in Bethel for a report of fireworks past 10 p.m. They stopped before the deputy arrived.

Sunday, July 11

At 3:38 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham responded to the Old County Road in Woodstock for a report of a burglary. The incident was under investigation.

At 6:28 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham performed a 'stop and talk' with a subject on Old County Road in Woodstock.

At 8:26 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham responded to South Main Street in Woodstock for a report of a burglary. The incident was under investigation.

Sunday, July 12

At 7:09 a.m. a caller on Rumford Avenue in Woodstock reported that while away for approximately one hour the previous day, someone had entered the home by bypassing a lock and stole jewelry and money. The incident was under investigation.

At 12:33 p.m. a report was received of an attempted burglary on Gore Road in Woodstock.

At 12:33 p.m. a caller reported interrupting a burglary in progress. The subject fled on foot. Officers canvassed the area and attempted a K-9 track. The suspect matched other burglaries in the area.

At 6:16 p.m. a report was received of a burglary on Rumford Avenue in Woodstock. Deputies Steve Witham and Nathan Bowie and Cpl. George Cayer were assigned.

At 6:46 p.m. a residential burglary on Rumford Avenue in Woodstock was reported, with entry through a rear door and jewelry taken.

At 6:52 p.m. a report was received of a residential burglary on Rowe Hill Road in Woodstock, with forced entry through a side door. Several rare coins were stolen.

At 9:32 p.m. Deputy Josh Aylward received a report of a threat on social media, possibly violating a protection order. Investigation found no violation.

Monday, July 13

At 6:47 a.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell responded to Bird Hill Road in Bethel for a single vehicle crash, with no injuries.

Bethel

By Donald G. Bennett



On the Artist's Trail

Last week just before the 4th Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sullivan from Hyde Park in Boston were in town and stayed at the Rostay. They came with the goal of locating where on the Branch Road in North Newry, artist John J. Enneking (1841-1916) had once owned property. Books and articles about the artist had noted his having once spent time in North Newry and had painted brook scenes in Newry and around Artist Bridge plus having stayed at the Locke Mountain House in Bethel.

The Sullivans had a copy of Enneking's will which identified the location of his property in Newry as well as property in Upton. Talking with the Sullivans the evening before they returned to Hyde Park, they were quite confident that they had located the place Enneking had owned. Tom Sullivan said he also felt that they had located spots along the Branch Brook Enneking used for some of his Newry paintings. They also stopped in at the Newry town offices and were pleased to be able to purchase copies of Carrie and Paula Wight's Newry Histories.

The Hyde Park Historical Society will be celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of Enneking's death next year. Visiting Bethel and Newry was part of the Sullivan's contributions to next year's celebration. Enneking was a "big name artist" with my Crosby parents and grandparents circle. Enneking was both a plein air painter and an impressionist. He had painted with Renoir, Manet, Monet and Pissarro while he was in Paris with his family in the 1870s. After returning to Boston he also painted in New Hampshire and was at one time artist in residence at the Iron Mountain House in Jackson. Ruth Crosby owned two of his paintings, one being a house in Arlington where the Crosby family lived.

Mineral and Gem Show Weekend

Kathy and I made the rounds of this year's mineral and gem show at Telstar. There were the usual local exhibits plus two I had not seen before from New Jersey and New Hampshire. My interest is in seeing fos-

sil exhibits and the exhibits which show how some gem crystals were found embedded in rock. An exhibitor from Sandwich, N.H. had a fine layout of Indian arrowheads. He told me that the finest arrowheads came from the Ohio River valley.

Early settlers here told of an Indian corn storage and burial site located on land where the first Chapman family to come to Sudbury Canada (later Bethel) settled. Walter Clark would tell of often searching the area with a fine tooth comb but he never found any Indian artifacts. On the other hand, Eva Ladd Schools told of finding a number of arrowhead and other pieces of Indian pottery in the Ladd Farm fields in Mayville.

Gem Digging at Bethel Outdoor Adventure

Sunday morning there was a big blue Conestoga Tours bus at the Parsons'. A tour group from Lancaster, Pa. had come to try their hands at digging, screening and sluicing for hidden treasure. Jeff told me that having the gem and mineral dig attraction available is something group tour leaders say that they are always on the look out for activities like the gem dig for groups on tours to do. After Sunday's group wound up their "dig" they would be heading to Telstar to see the Mineral and Gem Show in progress.

Tubing Getting Hugely Popular

Saturday Bethel Outdoor Adventure's parking lot was full to the brim. Tubing means laying back in a big donut shaped inflated tube and drifting down the river from West Bethel to a landing at the adventure center. A trip takes about two hours; there is very little personal effort involved and there is always a possibility of seeing local wildlife. Recently an adult and a young moose showed up in the river and a few lucky ones got a photo of the two. Word of this lucky sighting quickly made the rounds of those involved in the tubing circle.

A Trip to Andover

Saturday Kathy and I took a ride to Andover so I could get a summertime photo of Molly Ockett's (today's spelling) grave stone. Time flies. Over thirty years ago Kathy would take our moped for a trip to Andover when she was the art teacher. One time on the way up she did see a moose walking towards the road; recalling the incident, Kathy says that is when she really floored the moped which at

its fastest could get about 80 MPH. Anyway I got a new photo of Molly's grave stone. It is well taken care of and other visitors have left some coins (for luck) on the top of the stone. The inscription on the stone reads "MOLLOCKETT, baptized Mary Agatha died in the Christian Faith Aug. 2 A.D. 1816. The last of the Pequakets." So next year will mark the 200th anniversary of her death. We'll see if there is some sort of special celebration of this anniversary.

An Unknowing Visit to an 18th Century Bethel Landmark

In the summer of 1945 I went with my grandfather when he took a broken part from a horse drawn dirt scoop to Frank Bartlett's blacksmith shop to get it welded. The building was at the foot of Mill Hill next to Mill Brook. Even in the summer when you walked into the shop it seemed pretty dark inside. Like all the blacksmith shops those days there were men sitting around chatting. Frank's forge was back in the room a ways and my grandfather and I watched as he cranked up the draft in the forge making the coals glow and heat up considerably. Mr. Bartlett went about welding the two broken pieces together and after a while we left. I never had any idea I had been inside a building that was put up by one of Bethel's earliest settlers - in fact the building had once been part of the first home and mill on Mill Brook.

In the Bethel Citizen July 26, 1962, a front page headline read "18th Century Landmark Razed," "Bethel lost another reminder of its early history Saturday afternoon when the long-time Frank Bartlett shop at the foot of Mill Hill was razed and burned. Built in the late 1700s, the building was in use for over 150 years, and was probably the last evidence of settlers' activities other than cemeteries and outlines of early dams and roads." After Frank Bartlett's death in 1958 it was acquired by Rodney Brooks who made trelises, picket fences and fur-

niture. The building became unsafe and was beyond repair when destroyed by its last owner, Harold Rolfe. It was an attractive location for early industry due to Mill Brook water power which was multiplied by three dams within one half mile."

Bethel

By Nancy Brown



Molly Ockett Day is Saturday, July 18. This has been Bethel's biggest summer event for

more than 50 years. The parade, from the Casablanca up Main Street to the Common, begins at 10 a.m. Most of the activity is on the Common, but there are venues up and down Main Street, and throughout the local area Friday through Sunday. There are two road races Saturday morning; the kids' 1-mile run begins at 8:15 followed by the 5-mile run and 2-mile walk at 9. The Bethel Library "big annual book sale under the tent" starts Friday afternoon and goes from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. The book sale is on the library lawn at 5 Broad Street across from the Common. Information on all these activities is in the schedule printed here in the Citizen or on the Chamber of Commerce website at www.bethelmaine.com.

Betsy Foster, who lives in Greenwood, has an exhibit of her paintings (watercolors) at The Local Hub on Route 26 in Locke's Mills. The "Art of the Commonplace" runs through the end of July. Betsy's introduction to her exhibit says, "It is the beauty of the everyday activities, people, and places I try to capture - maybe it is the mechanic who changes the oil on a vehicle, a person cooking food or washing dishes, or maybe it is a stack of firewood ready to offer heat by winter. They all have their own grace." My mother, sister, and I viewed the exhibit last weekend while we enjoyed an early morning breakfast and coffee. The paintings are filled with light

NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE

MAINE WASTE WATER DISCHARGE LICENSE/MAINE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT APPLICATION

Please take note, that pursuant to 38 MRSA, Section 413 and 414A The Bethel Waste Water Treatment Plant of 199 Main St., Bethel, Maine 04217 intends to file a wastewater discharge permit application with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The application for discharge of three hundred forty thousand gallons of wastewater per day to the Androscoggin River in Bethel, Maine.

The application will be filed on or about July 20, 2015 and will be available for public inspection at DEP's Augusta office during normal business hours. A copy may also be seen at the municipal offices in the Bethel Town Office.

A request for a public hearing or request that the board of Environmental Protection assume jurisdiction over this application must be received by the DEP, in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is found acceptable for processing, or 30 days from the date of this notice, whichever is longer. Requests shall state the nature of the issue(s) to be raised. Unless otherwise provided by law, a hearing is discretionary and may be held if the Commissioner or Board finds significant public interest or there is conflicting technical information.

During the time specified above, persons wishing to receive copies of draft and supporting documents, when available, may request them from the DEP. Persons receiving a draft permit shall have 30 days in which to submit comments or to request a public hearing on the draft.

Public comment will be accepted until a final administrative action is taken to approve, approve with conditions or deny this application. Written public comments or requests for information may be made to the Division of Water Quality Management, Department of Environmental Protection, State House Station #17, Augusta, Maine 04333-0017. Telephone (207) 287-3901.

Pre-application and re-submissions meetings. Pre-application meetings. Pre-application meetings between the applicant and the Department are an opportunity for the applicant to determine the statutory and regulatory requirements that apply to a specific project and to identify a Project Manager for the application. The purpose of these meetings is to identify issues, processing, times, fees, and the type of information and documentation necessary for the Department to properly assess the project. The applicant shall consult the appropriate bureau Permit Assistance Coordinator to determine what information the applicant must provide before or during a pre-application meeting. Any applicant may request a pre-application meeting. The Department shall make a date available for the meeting as expeditiously as possible, but no later than 30 days from receipt of a written request receipt of all information required for a pre-application meeting by the bureau. The Department shall prepare a written summary of all pre-application meetings. For waste discharge permits, pre-application meetings are required prior to submission to or acceptance by the Department of an application for the following: New wastewater discharge license for a discharge greater than 25,000 gallons per day (38 M.R.S.A. Sections 413, et seq.); Projects requiring new or amended licenses involving more than two bureaus.

Pre-submission meetings. Pre-submission meetings between the applicant and the Department occur after the applicant has finished preparing the application for submission. These meetings are an opportunity to review the assembled application to ensure that the necessary information has been included prior to filing the application with the Department. An applicant may request a pre-submission meeting by contacting the Project Manager, or the Permit Assistance Coordinator for the bureau if no Project Manager has been identified. The Department shall make a date available for the meeting as expeditiously as possible, but no later than 20 days from receipt of a written request. For waste discharge permits, a pre-submission meeting is required prior to submission to or acceptance by the Department of an application for the following: Any application for which a pre-application meeting was held; or Any application that has been previously rejected by the Department (see Chapter 2, Section 7-B of the Department's rules).

Waivers. The requirement of pre-application or pre-submission meeting may be waived by written notice from the Department and agreement by the applicant. The Department will agree to waive a pre-application or pre-submission meeting if the Department is satisfied that such a meeting would be of no value in achieving the purposes noted above. Note: The waiver of a pre-application or pre-submission meeting does not waive the public information meeting required for new discharges of more than 25,000 gallons per day.

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and color. The Local Hub is a perfect venue for Betsey's art. Here her paintings are surrounded by the art of other local crafts people and artists, local produce, and delicious food. This is a must-see exhibit; you'll probably recognize some of the people in Betsey's artwork.

Temperatures hit 90 degrees on the weekend. It's good for the gardens and outdoor activities. Have you noticed the acres of blossoming potatoes along Mayville Road? The purple blossoms are attracting interest. "What are those?" a woman from Alpharetta, Ga., asked me on Sunday. "Potatoes." It was a great opportunity to talk about how we live and work here in Maine. When I lived in California, some of the farmers placed signs along the road labeling their crops: black walnuts, cotton, avocados, oranges. It was a great learning experience for me.

I spent the last few days trying to track down a sweet fragrance I could smell in our backyard. It reminded me of the night-blooming jasmine in California. "It's the milkweed," my mother said. And, indeed, it was. We have an abundance of common milkweed this year, enough so the subtle fragrance is more noticeable. I think the amount of milkweed is due to the low number of monarch butterflies that we saw last year. While we have an abundance here, other areas have destroyed milkweed plants, which sustain the monarch butterflies. Almost a billion monarchs have disappeared since 1990 due to destruction of their habitats and food sources. Biologists and environmentalists are urging people to grow more milkweed. In addition to monarchs, the plants sustain and shelter other butterflies, hummingbirds, bees, and other insects.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com.

East Bethel

By Wally Ritz



Is everyone enjoying their summer? Haven't been able to get ahold of anyone. Seems to me folks must be at their pools, at their camps, at lakes or ponds and out shopping in the air-conditioned stores. It is also a time to practice caution with outdoor fires as we haven't had any rain for some time now.

Here is the answer to the trivia: Deacon Asa died in 1823 and is buried in East Bethel beside the church. He was the great-great-grandfather to Robert Hastings.

Feel free to call me with news, questions, information or anything else you would like to share. You can reach me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com.

Have a great week and stay cool.

Andover

By Jane C. Rich



At the Selectman's meeting on Tuesday evening, Carol Emery reported that a slate of officers for the Andover Recreation Committee has been named with Carol as President, Katie Benson as Treasurer, and Clair Sessions as Secretary. The committee is planning another Family Fun Day to be held on Labor Day weekend. Events for the weekend to be planned and announced at a later date. Anna Camire, Chairman of the Comprehensive Planning Committee is seeking volunteers to work on this committee. Our plan expired in 1992 and an attempt to get a new one in place was unsuccessful. A comprehensive plan for a town is a necessity and without it we can't apply for grants. If you



"CRIME SCENE" TO PLAY AT MOLLYCKETT—The band "Crime Scene" will perform two high energy, classic rock shows during the Mollyckett celebration in Bethel July 18. The first show will feature the band on the Common from 6 to 9 p.m., sponsored by the Bethel Chamber of Commerce. The family-friendly concert will feature classic tunes to keep the crowd entertained until the start of the annual fireworks display. Following the fireworks, the music will continue inside to the Mill Brook Tavern in the Bethel Inn. Crime Scene is a 3-piece, high energy, classic rock band with a twist, featuring Maximus Roxx on lead vocals and lead guitar, Andy Buckland on bass and vocals, and Deano Gilbert on drums and vocals. For more see their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/#!/CrimeSceneBandMaine>.

are interested in working on this important project, please contact Anna or the Town Office.

The Andover School Board met Wednesday evening in the school for the first time along with the Selectboard to discuss the payment process and other operations affecting both municipal officers groups. The school is in the process of advertising for and hiring employees and in getting necessary work done in the building to have it ready for the new school year. The Town official website in Andover.org, however there are other sites such as Friends of Andover.

Over the past several years the Transfer Station has been closed on Old Home Day and will be again this year. However, it will be open on Friday, July 31 from 1 to 4 p.m. We are publishing this early so all can take note and it will appear weekly in this column to help residents as well as the attendants at the site.

The Silver Lake Camp Owners Association is planning a Family Fun Night to take place August 8 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's chapel, outside if the weather co-operates otherwise activities will be moved inside. Attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Mexico Food Pantry. There will be a movie, face painting and popcorn and water.

The Old Home Day Committee met on Thursday evening and will be meeting on Thursday, July 23 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall for a final run through of activities for July 31, Aug. 1 and 2. Numbered buttons for door prizes are available in local stores and T-shirts will be on sale shortly. The T-shirt design this year is a child and adult in a field of butterflies (symbol of new beginnings). T-shirts are available at local stores for \$12. For the first time, the shirts have assorted colored printing thanks to the generosity of Joe Robinson of Jarato silk screening.

A new activity this year will be a child's fashion show on the Bandstand at 2 p.m. gratitude to Jane Andrews for the idea and putting it together. Flyers with the schedule of activities are available in local stores. Buttons are on sale. This year the drawings for door prizes will be at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the Bandstand. We hope you'll all come to Andover Old Home Day and enjoy the 35th anniversary celebration of traditions and new beginnings.

Last year a group of Andover Artists presented an art show of art by present and former residents of Andover. This year the group will move to the old telephone office building (aka Addie's) for the show which has been graciously offered to the group by Susan Merrow and Kevin Scott. This site will be in the middle of activities and handicap accessible. Last year the exhibit included 108 examples of local art work. Work submitted for display should be original works by Andover area artists, living or deceased, or art that represents life in Andover and the surrounding area. All works should be ready to display. Paintings and drawings should be matted and/or framed. The show will also accept sculpture, metal working, wood burning, fiber art, and carvings. For more information call Pam Berry 392-1052 Denise Hurd 392-2981 or Wendy Hutchins 391-2211. Dates to drop off work are Sunday, July 26, 3 to 6 p.m. and Monday, July 27, 8 a.m. until noon. Please call before drop off dates so the show officials can know how many works they will have to display.

Bryant Pond

By Alice Hoyt



Franklin Grange 124 met at the Grange Hall on Monday, July 6. Instruction was held with the State Deputy. Next meeting is July 20.

Joyce Birch wishes to thank the Good Samaritan who stopped to help her recently when her camper tire was smoking up by the spring. Once she got going again, he followed her a ways to see if she was OK. There are still some good people around. Thanks.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship

at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, Bloom for girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 and up. The boys in Foundations are building personal work benches and beginning to acquire their own supplies. If you have extra hammers, screw drivers, or any other tools you would like to donate to Kyle's Mike's or Caiden's tool box, I am sure it would be appreciated. Vacation Bible School will be held July 27 to July 31 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. each night. If you have news, call 665-2460.

Locke's Mills

By Amy Wight Chapman



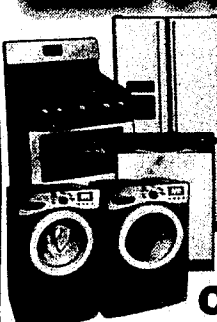
I've been reading on Facebook about numerous day-time break-ins in the area, most of which seem to be perpetrated by the same person, or maybe a couple of people working together. From what I heard over the weekend, the Oxford County Sheriff's Dept. had a particular suspect in mind, so I hope that maybe by the time you read this, he will have been caught. It certainly makes people nervous, and with good reason, to have this happening in our neighborhood.

As everyone already knows, this weekend is Mollyckett Day, Bethel's biggest celebration of the year. I'll be working at the library's used book sale for a couple of hours on Saturday morning, then helping to sell raffle tickets on the library lawn a little later. It's probably a good thing that I have a couple of commitments to help out, since that will get me to brave the crowds and go. When I was young, I wouldn't have missed the excitement of Mollyckett Day for the world, and I used to get there early and stay all day. In recent years, I'm lucky to even make it up there to watch the parade, and I'm usually happy to head home before noon.

If you're one to enjoy crowds (which I'm clearly not), it seems like there is something to do every weekend during the summer, and often more than one thing.

Last Saturday I "accidentally" attended the Norway Art Fair because I hadn't realized it was going on when I decided to stop in at Books 'n' Things on Main Street,

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2014 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Bethel Water District

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We're pleased to present to you our Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, also known as the Consumer Confidence Report. This report, a requirement of the 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act, is designed to inform you about the quality of water services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.

WATER SOURCE

Our water source comes from five drilled groundwater wells located in Bethel ranging from 36-40 feet in depth. The wells are treated with chlorine to protect from possible bacterial contaminants and fluoride to promote dental health. Our system serves a population of 1,405 customers through 656 service connections.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

The Maine Drinking Water Program (DWP) has evaluated all public water supplies as part of the Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP). The assessments included geology, hydrology, land uses, water testing information, and the extent of land ownership or protection by local ordinance to see how likely our drinking water source is to be contaminated by human activities in the future. Assessment results are available at public water suppliers, town offices, and the DWP. For more information about the SWAP, please contact the DWP at telephone 207-287-2070.

Waiver Information

Current waiver information: 1/1/2013-12/31/2015

In 2013 our system was granted a "Synthetic Organics Waiver." This is a three year exemption from the monitoring/reporting requirements for pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and other industrial chemicals. This waiver was granted due to the absence of these potential sources of contamination within half a mile of the water source.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water system, please contact Lucien Roberge, Superintendent, or Donald Katlin, Assistant Superintendent, at telephone number 207-824-2342 or mailing address PO Box 104, Bethel, ME 04217. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Bethel Town Office Meeting Room on Main Street.

WATER QUALITY

Bethel Water District routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following table shows any detection resulting from our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2014.

The sources of drinking water include rivers, lakes, ponds and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from human or animal activity. All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
Pesticides and herbicides may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
Radioactive contaminants can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that were detected through our water quality monitoring and testing. The presence of contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

Bethel Water District had no violations in 2014

| TEST RESULTS | | | | | | |
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| Unless otherwise noted, testing was done in 2014. | | | | | | |
| Contaminant | Violation Y/N | Level Detected | Unit Measurement | MCLG | MCL | Likely Source of Contamination |
| Microbiological Contaminants | | | | | | |
| Total Coliform Bacteria | N | Absent | Highest monthly # of positive samples | 0 positive | 1 positive | Naturally present in the environment |
| Inorganic Contaminants | | | | | | |
| Barium (8/5/14) | N | 0.0049 | ppm | 2 | 2 | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Copper (11/13-12/31/13) | N | 0.11 | ppm | 1.3 | AL=1.3 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems |
| Fluoride (6/20/14) | N | 0.78 | ppm | 4 | 4 | Water additive which promotes strong teeth |
| Lead* (11/13-12/31/13) | N | 5.0 | ppb | 1 | AL=15 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems |
| Nitrate (8/5/14) | N | 0.19 | ppm | 10 | 10 | Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits |

* = Reported results are the 90th percentile value (the value that 90% of all samples are less than).

Notes: The state allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Not all contaminants are tested for every year due to monitoring waivers and therefore we must use the most recent round of sampling. Some of our data is more than one year old, however, is limited to no older than 5 years.

Definitions:

Action Level (AL) - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfection Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Not Applicable (NA) - Does not apply

Running Annual Average (RAA) - The average of all monthly or quarterly samples for the last year at all sample locations.

Treatment Technique (TT) - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water (e.g. treatment technique for turbidity).

Variances, Exemptions, and Waivers - State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL, a treatment technique or test for a given contaminant under certain conditions.

Units:

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Parts per billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (µg/L) - One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Parts per million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/L) - One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Picouries per liter (pCi/L) - A measure of the radioactivity in water.

Notes:

Barium: Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.

Total Coliform Bacteria: Reported as the highest monthly number of positive samples, for water systems that take less than 40 samples per month.

Fluoride: For those systems that fluoride, fluoride levels must be maintained between 0.5 to 1.2 ppm. The optimum level is 0.7 ppm.

Lead/Copper: Action levels (AL) are measured at consumer's tap. 90% of the tests must be equal to or below the action level; therefore, the listed results above have been calculated and are listed as the 90th percentile.

Nitrate: Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 ppm is a health risk for infants of less than six months of age. High nitrate levels in drinking water can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant you should ask advice from your health care provider.

Gross Alpha: Action level over 5 pCi/L requires testing for Radium -226 and -228. Action level over 15 pCi/L requires testing for Uranium. Compliance is based on Gross Alpha results minus Uranium results = Net Gross Alpha.

Radon: The State of Maine adopted a Maximum Exposure Guideline (MEG) for Radon in drinking water at 4000 pCi/L, effective 1/1/07. If Radon exceeds the MEG in water, treatment is recommended. It is also advisable to test indoor air for Radon. The U.S. EPA is proposing setting federal standards for Radon in public drinking water.

THM/HAA5: Total Trihalomethanes (THM) and Halooacetic Acids (HAA5) are formed as a by-product of drinking water chlorination.

This chemical reaction occurs when chlorine combines with naturally occurring organic matter in water. Compliance is based on running annual average.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Since our system chlorinates its water, we are required to report our annual average for chlorine residual. Chlorine Residual was found to be 0.25 ppm, with a range of 0.21 ppm to 0.35 ppm.

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets all Federal and State requirements.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants.

The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

For most people, the health benefits of drinking plenty of water outweigh any possible health risk from these contaminants.

However, some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children.

Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for thirty (30) seconds to two (2) minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

We, at Bethel Water District, work hard to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect and preserve our drinking water resources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future. Please contact us with any questions. Thank you for working together for safe drinking water.

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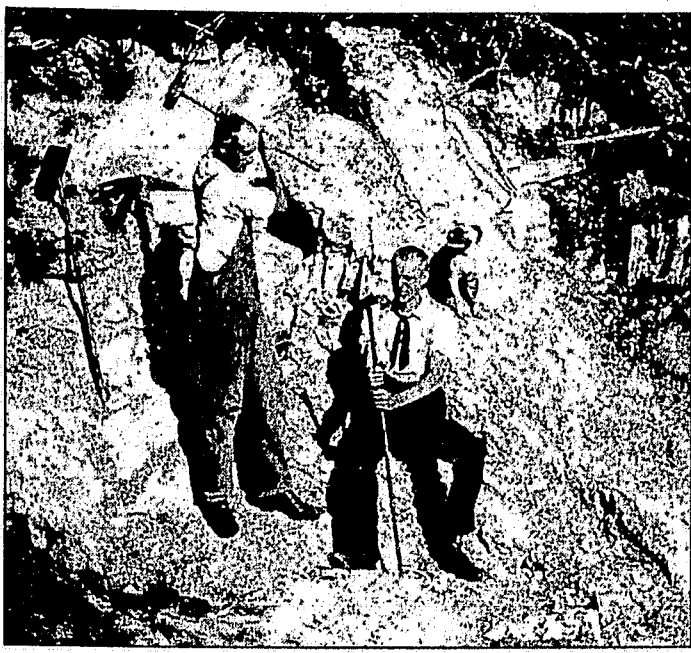
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FRANK PERHAM TO SPEAK- The Western Foothills Land Trust will present local gem Frank Perham on Tuesday July 21, 6:30 p.m. at the Norway Memorial Library. Perham, one of North America's foremost experts on granitic pegmatites will be speaking about his Harvard Quarry in Greenwood - if he stays on topic. Like any experienced mineralogist, Frank knows to follow the vein of a promising story when one arises. The land trust is currently fund raising to purchase and protect the summit of Noyes Mountain in Greenwood. The 295-acre project parcel will provide recreational trails and non-motorized public access, protect water resources, wildlife habitat, and agricultural fields, and will provide access to the historic Harvard Quarry, owned by Frank Perham. There is no charge for his program. Donations to the Noyes Mountain purchase will be gratefully appreciated. In this circa 1900 posed photo, Shavey Noyes and Tim Heath work the Harvard Quarry.

Submitted photo

where my friend Kathy Eliscu was signing her new book, Not Even Dark Chocolate Can Fix This Mess. (If Kathy's name sounds familiar, you may remember that her mother, Margery Eliscu, wrote a weekly humor column called "Coffee Break" for the Portland Press Herald for many years.) Main Street was closed to vehicle traffic, so instead of driving to the bookstore and making a quick stop, I parked my car and walked, which gave me a chance to look at the art as I passed.

As long as I've mentioned Books 'n' Things, I'll put in a plug for them, and for local, independent bookstores everywhere. Yes, it's easy to order books from Amazon and have them delivered to your door, but you won't get that warm, fuzzy feeling you'll get when you buy books from an independent bookstore. Trust me on this. (And don't even get me started on why "real" books are better than e-books!)

After the art fair, I spent a half-hour or so at the Oxford County Gem and Mineral Show at Telstar. Apparently, though, I didn't stay quite long enough. When I saw Lois Ruff later, she told me I had won a door prize in a drawing but, sadly, you had to be present to win, and I had already left.

Sympathy is extended to the family of longtime Greenwood resident, Bill Koch, who passed away last week, and also to the families of Denis Corrin, Joel Mills, and Lyle Wiggin, who all passed away recently.

My thoughts are also with David Brainard and his family, Dolly Olson and her family, and the many others who are struggling with medical issues.

Although I am quick to admit that I am not religious in any traditional way, I am glad to receive Joyce Hathaway's regular messages to the members of her "e-mail prayer list" to help me stay informed about my neighbors who are facing challenges (and I use the word

"neighbors" to cast a pretty wide net, since in a small town we're all neighbors).

E-mail your news to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com, call 875-5511, or contact me on Facebook.

Gilead

By Lin Chapman



I really do not care for hot weather especially if humidity comes with it! When the thermometer climbs up around 90 degrees, I head for a cool spot in front of the fan.

My brother, Steve McLain, gave me a hanging plant in May for my birthday. For a while, the heat got to it and it looked pretty sad. I finally remembered to tell him that it had revived and likes its new home on the other side of the gazebo on the front lawn. Evidently, it does not like too much sun.

Lise McLain attended the Bethel Senior Citizen Club luncheon and meeting at the Bethel Alliance Church this past week.

Kelly Cole and children, Robert and Addisyn, have

been visiting family in Gilead recently. They traveled all the way from Texas. While they were here, members of the family and friends had a gathering at the Town Hall to celebrate Addisyn's adoption. Kelly is the daughter of Dan and Luella Cole of Gilead.

Hugh has been busy planting the gladiolus plants that the Risbaras left with us. They planted a few in front of their Gilead house and had some leftovers, so they gave them to us. I used to have gladioli a few years ago and just love how beautiful they are. I probably should not mention that it is really Hugh that has been watering the gladioli at Risbaras. I think they think it is some other kind hearted soul!

Tim and Michele Chapman, along with Ajay, Sidney and a couple of their friends, headed for Portland last Sunday to celebrate Ajay's birthday. They met up with William Chapman and Annie Chapman for lunch and then on to more fun at other indoor recreation spots in the area.

Gilead Historical Society Last Saturday, Hugh and Lin Chapman along with Mary Tyler were out on the corner so the 1851 Train Station and 1903 Schoolhouse could be open. We plan on being out there on Saturdays as much as possible throughout the summer. On good days, we will be out front with the Cold Bottled Water and questionable weather days, we may be inside, but still open for the public to

stop by and visit.

Hugh is always happy to go over and open up the buildings if we see someone stopping to take pictures. We like to have people stop and see what progress we have made on restoring the buildings. We have several interesting displays set up for viewing. We are always on the lookout for more Gilead items. Some of the items would relate to railroad, school, logging and Hastings. That item that is "hanging around" that you do not know what to do with may be just what we are looking for to complete a display.

This past weekend, the Gagnon's who have a place behind the motel on Route 113, stopped by and donated a school desk to add to our displays. Many thanks to them.

Town Office

Reminder: There will be a change of office hours during the month of July for a couple of days. On July 21, the office will be open from 5 to 7 p.m. only. On July 28, the office will be closed. We are sorry for any inconvenience. Other than those two days, the office will be open the regular hours of 2 to 7 p.m. for the Tax Collector and 5 to 7 p.m. for the Town Clerk.

Special School Budget Meeting

There was a special school budget meeting held on July 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. There were no additional funds raised, but the article gave permission to remove funds from school surplus to cover expenses from last year. Additional stu-

dents and a raise in state tuition fees resulted in not having raised enough funds for the 2014-15 school year.

There were eight voters present at this meeting: three Selectmen (Jeremy Morin, Steve McLain, Alfred Leighton), three Schoolboard members (Lise McLain, Ann Choquette, Warren Thurston), Town Clerk (Litsley Chapman) and Administrative Assistant (Judy Perille).

There was a short meeting of the Gilead School Board with Supt. David Murphy before the budget meeting.

Selectmen's Meeting The monthly meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on July 8 at the Town Office. There is a separate article written up of actions taken at this meeting.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Mason

By Richard Grover



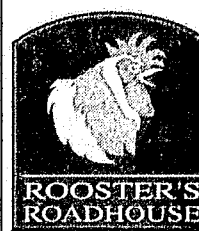
Kings Highway was really busy last week.

First, D.A. Wilson's crew was busy ditching the roadsides

and hauling away the exca-

vated dirt, much of which was dumped on other people's property who had asked for clean fill. While this was going on, an Irish Trucking dump truck was making repeated trips up Kings Hwy. with loads of gravel. Part of the time, two of Wilson's dump trucks joined Irish with load after load of gravel headed up Kings Hwy as well. Part of the time Wilson's ditching excavator sat idling along the roadside.

All this activity on this narrow road made for interesting driving, with people stopping to wait for dump trucks and excavator to move over enough for vehicles to pass, at times with little room to spare between equipment and the edge of the bank. When nothing else was happening, Wilson's hay blowing crew would make a pass with their "whistling" blower scattering hay in the new ditches and covering the new grass seed. I also noted that when ditching was going on at the curve across the road from "The Falls" swimming hole, the infamous gooey clay started oozing out from the hillside. This is about where a huge bulldozer got mired in the ooze when they built the road in the 1940s.



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Apparently, the ooze hasn't gone far in all that time.

About 4 p.m. one afternoon, I rode my bicycle up the road to see where all the gravel was going. About a half mile uphill from my home, I found the new gravel. Mr. Irish was graveling his logging truck road up the side of Tyler Mountain where he began a large logging operation last winter. The woodlot he is logging extends over to the Bog side of the mountain, but he told me it was cheaper for him to build a road through Tyler notch to finish logging the other side of the mountain than it would be to pay to build a road through someone else's land to access his woodlot from the Bog road.

On Friday, all gravel hauling stopped while Wilson's crew replaced the culvert across Kings Hwy. near Matt Ludden's driveway because the existing plastic culvert, which had "frost heaved" through the pavement last spring, was collapsing under the weight of the heavy loads of gravel. By mid-afternoon, the new culvert was in place and recovered with new gravel.

I can see that this will be a hectic summer, because there is lots of ditching and culvert replacing left to do here.

South Woodstock

By Lolalee Dillingham



Sunday, July 12, 6:50 p.m.

Get well wishes are going out to Emily Philbrick, Dolly Olson, Dot Wing and Gordon Paine. Our thoughts and prayers are going out to each one for a speedy recovery.

Condolences are going out to the families of Ernest Leneau, Evelyn Greenleaf and Lyle Wiggin. Thoughts and prayers to each family member on the loss of their loved one.

The new Dollar General store opened today in West Paris. We stopped by to check them out, lots of great things, something for everyone and the employees were still busy stocking shelves. I plan on going down to fully check out the store some

evening when they are not too busy. I did pick up a couple of things that I needed.

It's going to be a great help to those of us who have to travel to the surrounding towns. It will save on gas and time especially if one is not going into Paris or Oxford.

Too hot to cook tonight so looks like maybe a bowl of crackers and milk; an old family favorite and I love it.

Spent some time with the kids yesterday; we all enjoyed chef salads for lunch. Mine was so big I had enough left for my supper.

Lots of great outdoor events are being held throughout the area, and the weather is truly cooperating.

The Oxford County Fair Association held their first meeting at the betting parlor on the grounds last Tuesday evening; several new people joined.

Paula and I so enjoyed being a part of the Woodstock Bicentennial celebration, and we want to thank Vern Maxfield for asking us to entertain at the Gazebo.

For those who have any upcoming events that you would like to share with our readers, please feel free to get in touch with me (674-3104).

Well that's all from the valley this week, stay well and do enjoy your weekend.

Upton

By Joe Bernier



The Upton Historical Society will have their July meeting on Sunday the 19th, at 3 p.m.

at the school. They have lots to discuss including their role in Upton Fun Day.

The Letter B Notch Riders will meet Sunday, July 19, 9 a.m., at the Upton House.

Several years ago the crows figured out that the bush hog stirs up lots of mice, snakes and other crow delicacies. They follow me around the field picking up a free lunch.

Friday evening, when I was mowing, a fox joined in the fun. He paid very little attention to the noise and movement of the ATV and bush hog, staying out of my immediate path, going about his business of catching supper. He looked happy and

healthy. It was entertaining watching him pounce and come up with a mouse in his mouth. I saw him catch at least three before he left the field (I don't know that it was a he, I didn't ask and the fox didn't tell).

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your area news.

Waterford

By Rockie Graham



Summer is really here now. David gave me the truck for the next few days because it has been cooperating. AC. My Rav4 does not. So I am riding in AC comfort, only I can't afford to go far as the truck uses a lot of gas. But at least I can breathe.

Poets on the Porch went well on Saturday. We were on the Weary Club Porch for the first time in years and all went well. Scot Vlaun lent us his solar powered audio system. That was cool. We dedicated the reading to Lisa C. and read several her poems, in her memory. It was a good reading. The art fair in general went well from what I saw.

The full moon last week was the Full Buck moon, the one at the end of the month is the Full Thunder Moon. That is two full moons in one month. I believe the second one is called a Blue Moon. It doesn't happen too often. But here it is. Better for me as it means I can stay out later and still see. Once the moon comes up, there it light. That is as long as it doesn't rain too much.

The Wilkins House is having breakfast again. They started on July 4 and the next one is July 29 7:30 to 10 a.m. at the Wilkins H House on Plummer Hill. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 under 12. Menu includes fresh baked muffins, scrambled eggs, pancakes, real Maine maple syrup, bacon, sausage, doughnuts, coffee and orange juice. Children under 5 are free. FMI or to volunteer please call 583-2729.

Get ready. The Waterford Fair is starting up this week. Friday, July 17 is senior citizens day. That means seniors get a reduced price on tickets - \$3. There is also a



A DAY AT THE GEM SHOW-The Oxford County Gem & Mineral Association's annual show took place this past weekend at Telstar High School. Here, Kim Wood of Hartford examines a blue beryl specimen from the collection of Ron Larrives of Lewiston. A. Wight Chapman

senior Luncheon at Noon on Friday in the Dance Hall. There is also music every day and pig scrambles and lots of food. Admission is \$6. The Fair Grounds are on Green Road just off Route 35 across from Melby's. Join in the fun. FMI 595-1601.

Went to Andree Kehn's beautiful photography exhibit at CEBE (the com-

mons) on Friday. Her work is really great. She photographed them under water. You must go see them.

Friday and Saturday, July 17 and 18, North Waterford Church will hold a flea market and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tables are available for \$10 per day. FMI call: 583-2822.

Saturday the 18th is also

Mollycokett Day in Bethel. Bethel's biggest holiday of the year. It is on the common.

Condolences go out to the Family of Bill Koch. Bill passed last week. He will be sorely missed. He was a teacher/principal, wood worker and a great friend to all.

That is all for this week. Stay cool and have a great week.



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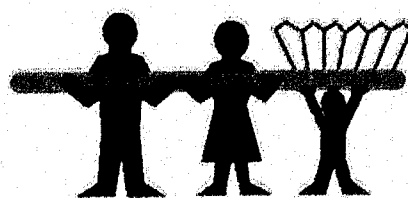
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10 am

Parade!

Proceeds from the Casablanca Theater's parking lot, up Main Street, and around the common.

On & Around Bethel Town Common

Entertainment is at the bandstand/gazebo unless otherwise noted.

9 am-5 pm

Craft, food, and community vendors on the Common

Kids' Fun Zone at Bethel Historical Society's Moses Mason House lawn - Wildlife Station, Archery, and Nature Arts by UMaine 4-H Camp & Learning Center at Bryant Pond staff

Gem sluice with Maine Mineral & Gem Museum on the Common (\$8 for bag of Maine minerals, \$5 for overseas minerals)

7-10 am

All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast at The Bethel Inn Resort.

8 am-6 pm

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10 am-4 pm

Exhibits at the Bethel Historical Society's Robinson House - "In the Field & On the Homefront: Bethel During the Civil War" and "Gould Through the Years: Selections from the Academy Archives." Free admission. Museum Shop open. 10 Broad Street.

11:15 am-12:15 pm

North American Wildlife Encounter
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12:30 pm

Parade winners and essay challenge winners presented

1-1:45 pm

ARTirondack Chair Auction
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1 pm

Frog jumping contest
Whose frog can leap the farthest in three jumps? (Corner of Mason and Broad Streets)

1-4 pm

Art exhibit at the Bethel Historical Society's Moses Mason House: Secluded Glens & Noble Landscapes: Traditional White Mountain Art Recaptured

2-4 pm

Live music with Jim McLaughlin

5-6 pm

"Food Sovereignty" - a talk with Barry Dana in the Gibson Room at The Bethel Inn Resort. Food sovereignty is "the right of people to determine their own food and agriculture policies; the democratization of food and agriculture." It emphasizes local knowledge and skills passed down over generations for sustainable food production, production and harvesting methods that work in balance with nature, and respects the right of food providers to have control over their land, seeds and water.

6-9 pm

Crime Scene - live "classic rock with a twist" at the gazebo

9 pm

Crime Scene at the Bethel Inn Resort's Millbrook Tavern

9 pm

Fireworks!
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On & Around Main Street

9 am-4 pm

Craft, food, and community vendors on Main Street

7-10 am

Pancake Breakfast to benefit Telstar Project Graduation at the Bethel Masonic Lodge, Chapman Street

9 am-4 pm

Bethel Methodist Church open for a rest and comfort station. Free beverages, large indoor flea market, and a cookie walk. (75 Main Street)

10 am-2 pm

Chainsaw carving demo with Ron Carlson at the Philbrook Place (162 Main Street)

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Sunday, July 19

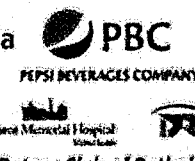
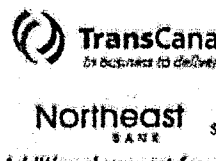
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Ellis River Riders



Teena Kulakowski/LB with Pam Tobin/Cody competing in the Pairs Sack Race. Submitted photo

Ellis River Riders kicked off a full schedule of clinics, shows, trail rides, and special events for 2015. Starting with clinics that touched on pattern work with Wanda Louder of Double L Stables in Hancock, western dressage with Jim Badger, and versatility with Kyle Smith, mixed in an early season group trail ride, we moved right in to our open and gymkhana shows. Riders have the opportunity to collect points for showing and trail riding and will count towards year end awards if they ride the same horse each time.

Our clinics were well attended and met the maximum number of riders. The versatility challenged went on even during the intermittent showers, which added a natural obstacle. Champions for the day were Shaynah Seames and Epsilon Flashover for the in hand division, Lena Weaver and Dee for the Adult Novice, Shaynah Seames and Rio Wolf Creek for Youth, and Pam Tobin and Cody for Adult with Deb Cayer and Morning Son as Reserve.

Our Member's Only show was a great way for current members to get a jump on their points total, with pleasure/equitation in the morning with Judge Mary Viera and gymkhana in the afternoon with a great mixture of riders. July 4 with Caitlin Robichau as our judge, gained new faces and two records were broken during the July 5 Gymkhana event. Both events produced a solid turnout of youth from all ages and disciplines. Our own Feed Bag was open all weekend serving up fair style and home made items. Thank you to all the volunteers (food booth, show booth, maintenance, ring crew, and more) who make these shows fun and keep them running smoothly.

Ellis River Riders is located in Andover, where they have a large outdoor ring, stalls, ample parking, modern outdoor facilities, and over 50 miles of well maintained trail rides. Trails are open to the public and can be accessed from any of the local park and rides. Current members can park and ride from the show grounds. Check out our website, www.ellisriverriders.com for more information on our membership options and events. See you in August when we host a nighttime Gymkhana show on Aug. 1 starting at 8 p.m. and an Open Show on Aug. 2 starting at 9 a.m. with judge Robert MacDonald. Both events are part of Andover Olde Home Days.

Greenwood City Memories

BY COLISTA MORGAN

Strawberry Picking

Summer time and it's vacation time again, a time of camping, swimming, picnic time and garden time, flowers, warmth, sunshine, time for haying, birds, and also time for insects. I fully realized this on Saturday as I started my vacation with a climb up the old road, Mosquito

Lane, through the woods to the top-most field at the farm. There was a tremendous buzzing sound, close to the ears, for the steely voices of the mosquitoes gave their shrill, unwelcome chorus of misery. But shortly I emerged into the open field and bright sunshine and then the "lovers" of dampness and shade, the cowards retreated.

On up the path through

the field where the small, sweet wild strawberries were beginning to ripen, I went. As I lingered to pick some, the voices of the thrushes came from the dusk of the forest. (How different from those miserable mosquitoes.) There above my head on a branch over the wall there was a clamor; baby birds nearly ready fly, with each approach of mother or father a cry, arose, mouths open, food disappeared, wings quivered only to subside when they were left alone. What a busy time!

The sun shone in an unclouded sky and the air was soft and scented. The mountains in the distance to which I turned again and again, were so serene and ageless with strength, so perfect; the trees rising above them from their slopes were like so many pins in a cushion. But as always my eyes turned to the pine; these conifers that give forth the finest tree music of the forest. With the whispering of the breeze I listen always for the click of the needles one against the other until there comes a delight-

ful hum.

At the crest of the hill and last field, sweet with clover, could be heard the black and white cows cropping about and pulling away from the grass.

For a time I looked down into the valley so serene. The water shimmered and calmness lay all across the rolling hills with their deep pools of darkness between.

Then I returned following the old cow path through the pasture, passing the one-time far house, but many years gone by. Here there will soon be a mystic charm of roses multiplied over the years.

I again stopped for strawberries, took a last look at the hills, rolled under the barbed wire fence, (lucky I made it) and headed for those multitudinous insects, not so disturbing this time with so many nicer and more beautiful scenes to think about. It was prettier coming down facing the arch of greenery overhead, the ferns and waxy bunchberries under foot, and the opening ahead with the blaze of sun upon the water.

Free Chamber Concert: Duponte Quartet

The renowned Duponte String Quartet (DSQ) will kick off the month-long Free Bethel Bandstand Series presented every Sunday next month by the Mahoosuc Arts Council on Sunday, Aug. 2 at 4 p.m.

Unlike regular concerts held at the Bandstand on the Bethel Common, the council is pleased to announce that this concert will be held at the United Methodist Church of Bethel, 75 Main Street.

"We are excited to be embarking on a new collaboration with the Methodist Church to bring outstanding performances to the general population of the area in a beautiful sanctuary which also has great resonance for concerts," said Aranka Matolcsy, executive director of the arts council.

The mission of the DSQ is to connect audiences to composers and their influences by bringing to life the human context of each score's creation. They achieve this mission through: Performance, Research, Discussion, Insight, Varied Style, Themed Programs, Education and youth access.

The council is thrilled to be able to provide free access to this fine ensemble due to the kind support of underwriting sponsors.

Not long after forming in Philadelphia 21 years ago, the DSQ surprised the musical world by moving from a cosmopolitan urban area to rural Maine. The DSQ had been – and continues to be – sought after to perform and teach all over the U.S. and around the world. They have appeared in France, Scotland, Canada, and more than twenty American states. Their performances have been broadcast over nation-wide radio and television programs in both the United States and Canada. They have received awards from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Philadelphia Musical Fund Society, the Music Teachers National Association, Chamber Music America, and have participated in several of the nation's most prestigious concert series to rave reviews. Musicians and critics alike wondered why the DSQ would move to Maine, where, as the New York Times noted, they create an experience "like watching the Celtics play in the local gym."

For the rest of the concert series, bring your lawn chairs, kids, dogs and snacks to the historic Bethel Common every Sunday at 4 p.m. for a free, rain or shine concert. FMI: www.mahoosucarts.org.

Quick Start Workshop Series: Everything you need to know to start your own business

Quick Start is a series of six workshops for anyone who is thinking of starting a new business or has recently started a business. They are designed to provide all of the essential information and material for starting a business from forms for registering your business name, forms for applying for an EIN number to creating a business plan, cash flow forecasting, marketing and financial information.

There are two workshop series that are being offered on different days and in different locations: Wednesday evenings starting Sept. 16, 6 to 8 p.m. at Community Concepts, 17 Market Square, South Paris and Thursday evenings starting Sept. 17, 6 to 8 p.m. at Community Concepts, 240 Bates Street, Lewiston.

The workshop series will cover the following information: Overview of the workshops and materials and discussion of what it takes to start a business; Marketing information, branding and the need for marketing materials; Business Planning and cash flow management; Information on legal aspects such as business entities; Financial information, record keeping, tax obligations and business banking; A resource panel for technical assistance, financing and more.

The South Paris workshop instructors include Dana Hanley, Esq., of Hanley & Associates, Daryl Cote, CPA, with Ouellette & Associates, P.A., Christina Twitchell with TD Bank and members of the Oxford Hills SCORE team of business counselors – Steve Veazey, John Huffman and Charlie Peabody. The Lewiston workshop instructors include Steve Veazey, John Huffman, Charlie Peabody plus an attorney, accountant, and loan officer.

The cost to register for the whole workshop series is \$35 and \$10 to register for an individual workshop. For more information about the South Paris workshops and to register for them, please call 207-739-6543 or e-mail: mpurcell@community-concepts.org. Moe Dube is the contact for the Lewiston workshops, and he can be reached at 207-333-6445 or mdube@community-concepts.org.

The Quick Start Workshop Series is brought to you by Community Concepts Finance Corporation and SCORE. Other sponsors include AVCOG, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, River Valley Chamber of Commerce, Fryburg Business Association, Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce, Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, Maine Small Business Development Centers and U.S. Small Business Administration.

Dean's List

Anthony Dirago, of Bethel, was named to Becker College's Dean's List for the Spring 2015 semester.

Dean's List

Rachael Wheeler of Bethel has been named to the Spring Honors List at Husson University.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE A MAINE WASTE DISCHARGE GENERAL PERMIT FOR APPLICATION OF PISCICIDES FOR THE CONTROL OF INVASIVE FISHES

Pursuant to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection General Permit for the Application of Piscicides for the Control of Invasive Fishes, MEG180000, Michael Brown of Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife 284 State St. SHS 41 Augusta, ME 04333-0041 plans to file a Notice of Intent for coverage with the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). If the coverage is granted, it will allow the discharge of pollutants associated with an approved piscicide treatment plan to Round Pond including includes and part of outlet, in Albany TWP, Maine, subject to the terms and conditions of the General Permit.

The Notice will be filed on or about 7-1-2015 and will be available for public inspection at the Department's Augusta office during normal business hours. A copy may also be seen at the (municipal)(county) offices in Oxford. A copy of the General Permit may be obtained from the Department or at <http://www.maine.gov/dep/water/wd/gp.html>

The Department will take no action on the Notice of Intent until 30 days from the date of this publication. Any person wishing to submit comments to the Department regarding the Notice of Intent should do so in writing within 30 days of this publication. Comments should be limited to the applicant's ability to comply with the terms and conditions of the General Permit. The Department will take these comments into consideration in determining whether or not to approve of the Notice of Intent.

Written public comments, requests for information or questions may be directed to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water Quality Management, Waste Discharge Permitting, State House Station #17, Augusta, Maine 04333. Telephone (207) 287-7688.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

Scribner's Sawmill and Homestead Tours; 1 to 4 p.m., first and third Saturdays of the month throughout the summer. A minimum \$5 donation per adult is requested. All funds are used for the continued restoration of the site. To schedule a group tour or school field trip, call Nancy Grigg (674-4459). To arrange for a private tour, call 583-6455.

The Art of the Commonplace; An exhibit of watercolor paintings by Betsey Foster, featuring local people, local events, and local nature. The exhibit is at The Local Hub on Main Street in Locke's Mills. It will be on display through July.

July 16, 23, 30, Aug. 6, 13 and 20

Main Savvy Caregiver 1 Training; 2 to 4 p.m., DHHS, 243 Main Street, South Paris. If you are caring for a family member with dementia, this training will help you learn how to take care of yourself and reduce stress and also communicate more easily with your loved one. This is a 6-week workshop, with each session lasting two hours. This class is free but pre-registration is required. Call SeniorsPlus at 1-800-427-1241 to reserve a seat.

July 16, 17, 18

New England Forest Rally; Based at Sunday River Resort.

Thursday, July 16

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 3 p.m., After hours paddle: Nansen Wayside to Berlin, N.H. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoffinwatershed.org) or visit <http://androscoffinwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

Breaux's Too Cruise Night; 5:30 to 7:30, Breaux's Too parking lot, Bryant Pond. FMI: 665-2554.

July 17 and 18

Flea Market and Food Sale; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., North Waterford Church, Route 35, opposite Melby's. Tables will be \$10 per day or \$15 for both days. Reserve a table by calling 583-2822.

July 17, 18 and 19

Waterford World's Fair; Irving Green Road, Waterford. A family oriented agricultural fair, featuring local vendors, entertainment and livestock. Old MacDonald's Barn is full of animals to touch, has outside stage with local talent, demonstrations and livestock exhibits. FMI: Darcy Winslow (595-1601) or <http://www.waterford-worldsfair.org>.

Friday, July 17

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Shelburne to Gilead. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoffinwatershed.org) or visit <http://androscoffinwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

Music without Borders Recital; 7:30 p.m., McLaughlin Science Center, Gould Academy, Bethel. Open to the public at no charge. FMI: www.musicwoborders.com.

Saturday, July 18

MollyOckett Day Classic Race by the Bethel Outing Club; Kids' 1-mile race at 8:15, 5-mile race and 2-mile walk at 9 a.m. Online registration at RunReg.com through July 16, or day of registration at the event. First 100 to sign up get a T-shirt and number. There will also be a Diaper Dash with three divisions: crawlers, toddlers up to 24 months, and preschoolers up to 36 months. Pick-up starts at 7 a.m. on the lawn near the Bethel Common.

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Gilead to Bethel. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoffinwatershed.org) or visit <http://androscoffinwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

Indoor Yard Sale and Cookie Walk; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., United Methodist Church, 79 Main Street, Bethel. Household items, dishes, collectibles, holiday decorations, free bottled water and cold beverages.

Chicken Pie Supper; 5 to 6 p.m., VFW Post 9787, Lower Main Street, South Paris. Adults \$8, kids 12 and under \$4. **Jones Dance Band;** 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Playing old-fashioned dance music. Adults \$5.

Music without Borders Recital; 7:30 p.m., McLaughlin Science Center, Gould Academy, Bethel. Open to the public at no charge. FMI: www.musicwoborders.com.

Sunday, July 19

Hawk Mountain Hike; 8 a.m., the Hawk Mountain trail head and parking area, Hawk Mountain Road, 3.4 mile southeast of Mill Hill Road, South Waterford. This is a moderate half-hour hike up the expansive view from the ledge at Hawk Mountain in Waterford. Bring bug spray, water cameras, and wear comfortable shoes. FMI: 739-2124.

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Bethel to Hanover. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoffinwatershed.org) or visit <http://androscoffinwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

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Albany Church Meeting; 10:30 a.m.

Bethel Episcopal House Church; 4 p.m., Intervale Meeting House, Bethel. The Rev. Nancy Moore from Christ Episcopal Church, Norway, will conduct the service and Holy Eucharist. All are invited to attend. For more information, contact Rosemary Laban at 850-766-1241 or Christ Episcopal Church at 207-743-6782.

July 21, 22 and 23

Rummage Sale; 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon Thursday, Ledgeview Living Center, West Paris. Any donations will be graciously accepted.

Tuesday, July 21

Public Supper; 5 to 6:30 p.m., North Waterford Church, Route 35 opposite Melby's. Homemade casseroles, baked beans and brown bread, salads and more. Strawberry shortcake for dessert. All you can eat for \$8, children 12 and under \$4. All are welcome.

Music without Borders Recital; 7:30 p.m., McLaughlin Science Center, Gould Academy, Bethel. Open to the public at no charge. FMI: www.musicwoborders.com.

Wednesday, July 22

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 9 a.m. Hike Step Falls. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoffinwatershed.org) or visit <http://androscoffinwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

Music without Borders Recital; 7:30 p.m., McLaughlin Science Center, Gould Academy, Bethel. Open to the public at no charge. FMI: www.musicwoborders.com.

Thursday, July 23

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Hanover to Rumford. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoffinwatershed.org) or visit <http://androscoffinwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

Friday, July 24

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Mexico to Dixfield. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoffinwatershed.org) or visit <http://androscoffinwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

Music without Borders Recital; 7:30 p.m., McLaughlin Science Center, Gould Academy, Bethel. Open to the public at no charge. FMI: www.musicwoborders.com.

Saturday, July 25

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Dixfield to Canton. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoffinwatershed.org) or visit <http://androscoffinwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

Public Ham Supper; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., 58 Lower Main Street, South Paris. Sponsored by AmVets Post 777. Adults \$8, kids 12 and under \$4.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Playing old-fashioned dance music. Adults \$5.

Music without Borders Recital; 7:30 p.m., McLaughlin Science Center, Gould Academy, Bethel. Open to the public at no charge. FMI: www.musicwoborders.com.

Sunday, July 26

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Canton to Snoopy. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoffinwatershed.org) or visit <http://androscoffinwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

Moore Park Art Show; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Moore Park, South Paris. Featuring 30 artists and fine crafters, home cooked foods and a full day of live entertainment including a free theater workshop for children. FMI: www.moore-parkartshow.biz or 890-6386.

July 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31

Vacation Bible School; 6 to 8 p.m., Pleasant Valley Bible Church, 407 Flat Road, West Bethel. Theme: Turned Around. Music, stories, crafts, games, skits, and snacks for children 3 years old to sixth grade. FMI/Registration: Cindy (836-3006).

Tuesday, July 28

Music without Borders Recital; 7:30 p.m., McLaughlin Science Center, Gould Academy, Bethel. Open to the public at no charge. FMI: www.musicwoborders.com.

Wednesday, July 29

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Livermore Falls to Twin. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoffinwatershed.org) or visit <http://androscoffinwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

The Stanfields, Bethel Celtic Concert; 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, Main Street, Bethel. For reservations call 824-2328. Tickets: \$15 (Students \$5). FMI: www.necelticarts.com.

Thursday, July 30

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 5:30 p.m., After hours paddle at Otis Mill in Jay. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoffinwatershed.org) or visit <http://androscoffinwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

Friday, July 31

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Twin Bridges

to Center Bridge. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoffinwatershed.org) or visit <http://androscoffinwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

Saturday, Aug. 1

Andover Olde Home Days; all day.

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Center Bridge to Gulf Island. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoffinwatershed.org) or visit <http://androscoffinwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

Ellis River Riders Gymkhana Night Show; 3 p.m., 78 Airport Road, Andover. Participant fees: \$5 per class (members), \$7 per class (non-members), \$1 number fee, \$3 replacement number fee, \$6 trophy fee, \$10 Registration fee (waived with early online registration). Parking and spectator admission is free. Food booth open. FMI: www.ellisriverriders.com.

Sunday, Aug. 2

Uptown Cruizahs Car Show; New Balance Factory Store, Route 26, Oxford. Registration: 7:30 to 11 a.m. (\$5 per car). Show participants will vote in each of 23 classes up to 12:30 p.m. Awards will be held at 2 p.m. There will be giveaways and refreshments throughout the day. Music will be provided by Red Wing. Proceeds will benefit local organizations such as Santa Visits Oxford, Maine Veterans' Home activity Fund, and Good Shepherd Food Bank. FMI: Les Wing (890-0870) or Dan Tripp (743-8073).

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Auburn to Rancourt Preserve. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoffinwatershed.org) or visit <http://androscoffinwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

Ellis River Riders Open Show; 9 a.m., 78 Airport Road, Andover. Participant fees: \$5 per class (members), \$7 per class (non-members), \$1 number fee, \$3 replacement number fee, \$6 trophy fee, \$10 Registration fee (waived with early online registration). Parking and spectator admission is free. Food booth open. FMI: www.ellisriverriders.com.

Free Chamber Music Concert with Dupont String Quartet; 4 p.m., United Methodist Church of Bethel, 75 Main Street. The mission of the DSQ is to connect audiences to composers and their influences by bringing to life the human context of each score's creation. They achieve this mission through: Performance, Research, Discussion, Insight, Varied Style, Themed Programs, Education and youth access.

Aug. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

Vacation Bible Adventure; 6 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power. All kids ages 4 years through fifth grade are welcome. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Thursday, Aug. 6

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 5:30 p.m., Auburn after hours paddle. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoffinwatershed.org) or visit <http://androscoffinwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

Friday, Aug. 7

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Durham to Lisbon Falls. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoffinwatershed.org) or visit <http://androscoffinwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

Spaghetti Dinner; 6:30 p.m., Fryeburg New Church Assembly, 84 Main Street, Fryeburg (across from the Visitor's Center). \$9 per person, gluten-free and vegan options available.

Saturday, Aug. 8

2015 Dole Three-Miler Race; 8 a.m., Mountain Division Rail Trail at the Maine State Visitor Center, 97 Main Street (Route 302) Fryeburg. Registration: \$20 in advance, \$25 on race day. Proceeds to benefit Fryeburg New Church Assembly, the Fryeburg New Church and the Mountain Division Rail Trail. FMI/Registration: www.dole3miler.com.

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Topsham to Brunswick. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoffinwatershed.org) or visit <http://androscoffinwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

Saturday Night Dance; 7:30 to 9:30 (doors open at 7), Albany Town House. To celebrate extensive renovations to the old hall - including the recent installation of indoor plumbing - the Albany Improvement Association invites one and all to hit the dance floor and enjoy the music of the Shadagee Ramblers. FMI: 824-2216.

Sunday, Aug. 9

20th Annual Source to the Sea; 8:30 a.m., Brunswick/Merrymeeting Bay, Water Street in Brunswick. FMI: Becky Secrest (207-824-3813, 207-754-8158, beckys@oxfordnetworks.net or trek@androscoffinwatershed.org) or visit <http://androscoffinwatershed.org> or <http://arwc.camp7.org/>.

Monday, Aug. 10

Mahoosuc Community Band End of Summer Concert; 7 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church UCC, Church Street, Bethel. Come and hear familiar favorites. Donations accepted. Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, Aug. 12

Bethel Senior Citizens Club Meeting; 11 a.m., Stony Brook Campground, Hanover. Members will bring a salad or dessert to share.

Thursday, Aug. 20

Breaux's Too Cruise Night; 5:30 to 7:30, Breaux's Too parking lot, Bryant Pond. FMI: 665-2554.

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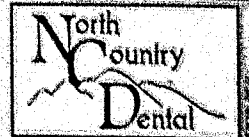
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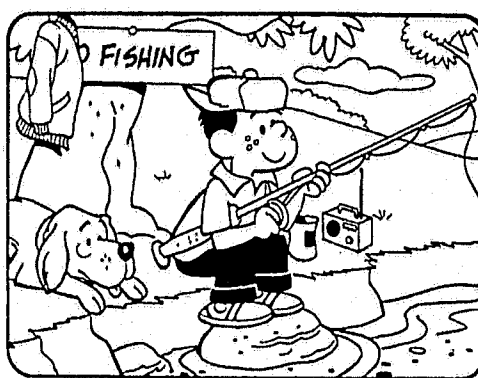
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Riddle answer: _____

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Jacket is missing. 2. Dog's ear is different. 3. Cap is reversed. 4. Cuffs are missing. 5. Cloud is different. 6. Radio is missing.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: K equals T

VPHOSZP B NOZ QBLIBLX BK

APJF GOJI KR JPTRAP TF

NBLKPJ QRRKNPOJ, B GOI KR

SZP VRRK ZKJPLXKG.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Ease
FLIERE
Flow
SCOURE
Classic
GNAVITE
Plunge
ODEUS

TODAY'S WORD

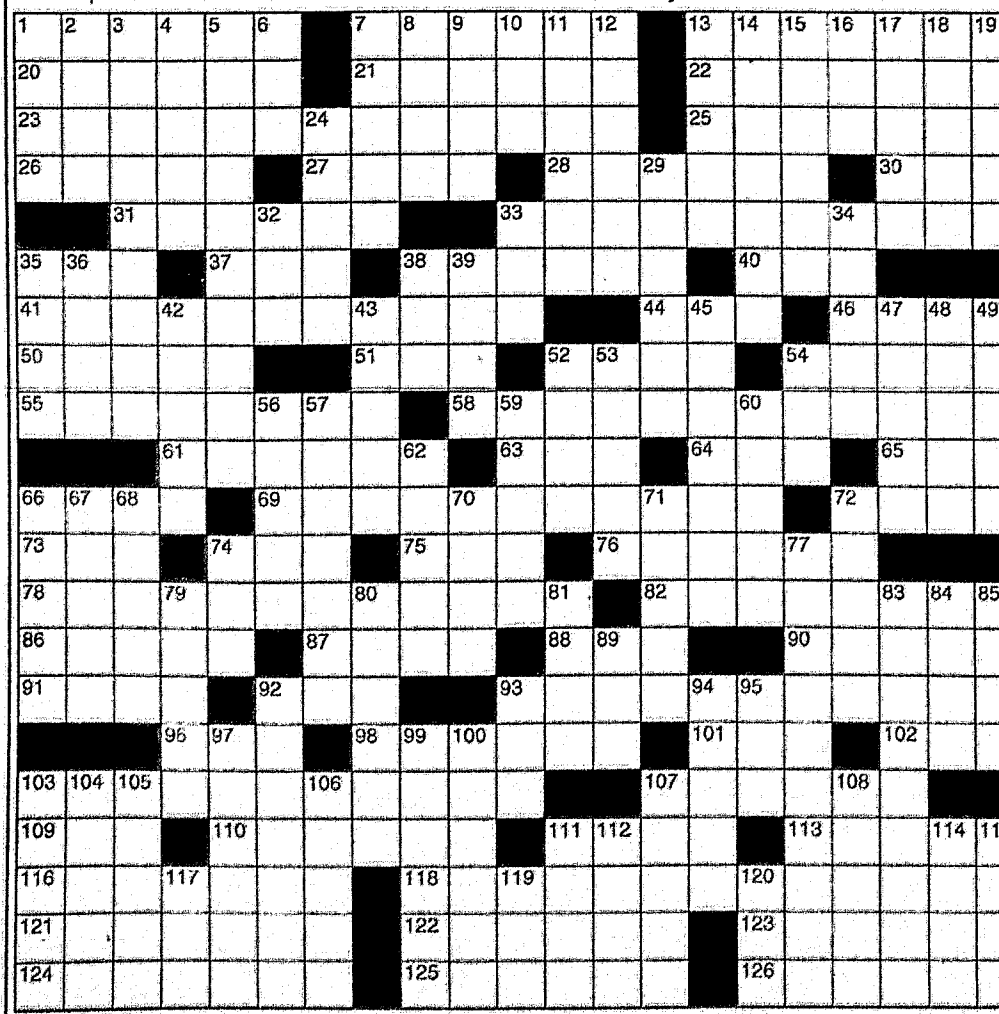


"There goes my sister—she just got her first _____ card!"

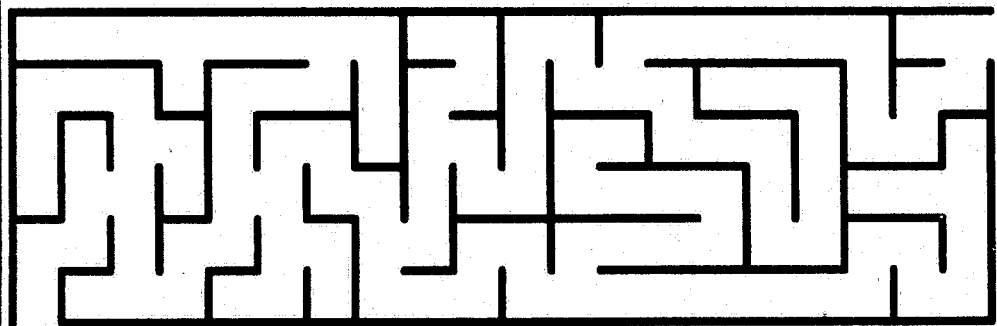
Super Crossword

NOT NOTEWORTHY

- ACROSS
1 Film stars, e.g.
7 Snake-haired Gorgon
13 General who advised Augustus
20 Gopher Mark
21 Rabid fan
22 More gutsy
23 Really get into making electronic scans?
25 Embraced
26 Straffaced
27 Grand party
28 With the result being
30 Abbas' gp.
31 Gazed
32 Conard
33 Hilton with a fever?
35 Part of NCAA or AAU: Abbr.
37 Animals: Suffix
38 Like a rough, harsh voice
40 Oath reply
41 Cobbler
42 cutter's job?
44 — and yang
46 Raise crops
50 "Two Guys and —"
51 GI uplifter
52 Make at work
54 Wheel spokes, e.g.
55 Disoriented driver's remark to a passenger, maybe
58 Decrease in sunburn
61 Last of a tetralogy
63 Boeing plane
64 Stranded
65 "Too many to list" abbr.
66 Tentacles
69 Gorilla's pre-dinner drink?
72 Bit of deceit
73 —wester (storm type)
74 Songwriter DiFranco
75 Reactor safety org.
76 Put a backup copy on
78 Embrace old French
82 Purebred's nickname
85 Vintage auto
87 Ginger treat
88 Suffix with Milan or Bern
90 Faces
91 Mythical river
92 By means of
93 Bid a Tokyo resident farewell?
96 Blood-typing letters
98 Flowers
101 —wester (storm type)
102 Waikiki wear
103 Meekness of
107 Hillocks
109 That, in León
110 Backyard pavilion
111 Raines of "The Web"
113 Vex greatly
116 Suspended ski lift cabin
118 How senior citizens address teens?
121 Old French region
122 Tijuana
123 She's a deity of wisdom
124 Progress delay
125 Sea serpent nickname
126 Paring tool
DOWN
1 Cousins of haddock
2 Throw off
3 To whom property lawfully passes on
4 "— Was a Lady" (1933 hit song)
5 Fiancée who's a control freak
6 Get less firm
7 Paired up to breed
8 Blue-pencil
9 Sleep bnefly
10 Mentalist
11 Burglar alarm component
12 Local lingo
13 — chili (kind of pepper)
14 Aspic
15 Ingredient
16 ICU drips
17 Longstoking of kid lit
18 "Edward I" playwright
19 George
24 Start to a bit of bad news
29 "And — off!"
32 — v. Wade
33 Ugly witch
34 Lite, in a way
35 "Lend —" (Oscar-winning Disney short)
36 Buster Brown's bulldog
38 That boy's
39 — about
42 Gets ready
43 Little darling
45 Ready to roll, as a car
47 "Farewell"
48 Prison brawls
49 Chop to bits
52 German river
53 "— a jealous mistress"
54 Elvis' label
56 Chimp's kin
57 Second-cen. pope
59 Throw off
60 In need of a meal
62 White with Pat Sajak
66 Fire leftovers
67 Shake to wake
68 Rocky's gangster partner in cartoons
70 Stage piece
71 Sticky rolls
72 Actor Seth
74 "La Cage —"
77 Asian nation since 2002
79 Group of six
80 Equip
81 Stitching line
83 2011 film about boxing robots
84 Reason d'—
85 Actor Morales
89 Pt. of GPS
92 Like A, E, I, O and U
93 Tamari, e.g.
94 Kofi of the U.N.
95 "— hool!"
97 Colombian capital
99 Like Qaddafi
100 Actor Peter
103 Painter Edgar
104 "— Mio"
105 Art able to
106 "The Compleat Angler" writer
107 1971 Jane Fonda film
108 Shop shaper
111 Peepers
112 Singer of film
114 Duncan of Obama's cabinet
115 Ivan or Peter
117 Artistic touch
119 Good times
120 Hiatus



Kids' Maze

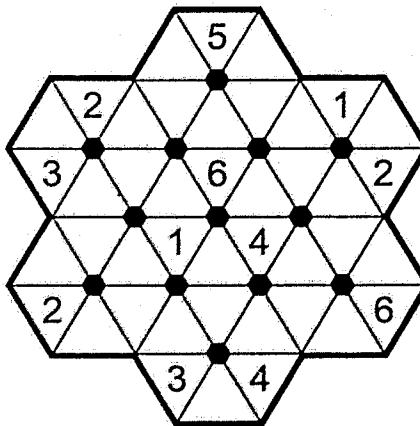


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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 5 | | | 8 | | 9 |
| | | 6 | | 7 | 8 | |
| 1 | | | 5 | | | 2 |
| 7 | | | 4 | | 6 | |
| | 8 | | | 2 | | 3 |
| | | 9 | | | 5 | 4 |
| 2 | | | | 5 | | 8 |
| | 3 | 8 | | | 4 | 9 |
| | | 7 | | 2 | | 6 |

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

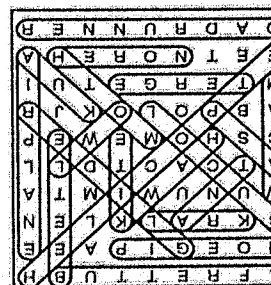
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Kids' Maze Solution

CREDIT
Today's Word
1. Vintage; 2. Course; 3. Relief; 4. Douse;
Because I was finding it very hard to remove my winter footwear, I had to use boot strength.

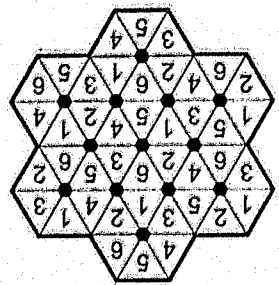
Riddle Answer:
A jumbo jet.



Answer

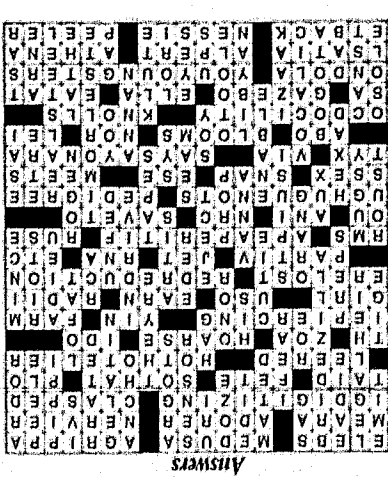
Puzzles4Kids

SCRAMBLERS
solution
1. Relief; 2. Course; 3. Vintage; 4. Douse;

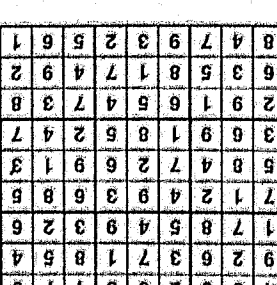


solution

SNOWFLAKES



Super Crossword



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

ANSWERS:

J
U
L

1
6

2
0
1
5

MMGM Celebrates 'The Geology of Southwestern Maine' by Arthur Hussey II, PhD

The Maine Mineral & Gem Museum (MMGM) Friday held a Summer Social that celebrated Arthur Hussey II's new book, 'A Guide to the Geology of Southwestern Maine.' MMGM Board Member and Professor of Geology, Emeritus, Bowdoin College, Hussey is widely considered an entertaining authority of Maine's rich geological diversity. The event took place at MMGM in Bethel.

MMGM is organizing additional book signing activities in Maine during August and September. To order a copy of 'A Guide to the Geology of Southwestern Maine,' individuals may e-mail books@mainemineralmuseum.org or call 207-824-3036. Book distributors may carry the volume (contacting MMGM at 207-824-3036); distribution to book stores is also planned.

"MMGM continues its primary mission of providing educational forums for its Charter Members, Advisory Committee and all science and Maine communities through events like the one held Friday to commemorate Art Hussey's book," says Barbra Barrett, MMGM's Director. "The timing complemented nicely the current installation of the Rock Garden, a grand geological statement at the entrance on Main Street."



Pictured are, from left: Representing MMGM - Mary McFadden, Barbra Barrett, Larry Stiffler, Carl Francis; Representing Peter E. Randall Publishing - Sue Martin, Deidre Randall. Front: Author Arthur M. Hussey II. Submitted photo

West Paris Historical Society

The West Paris Historical Society is pleased to offer an open house the second and fourth Sundays of July and August from 1 to 3 p.m.

Our regular July meeting will be on July 20 at 5:30 p.m. Everyone bring your own box lunch. Calendar drawing is at 6 o'clock with brownies and ice cream, and the program at 7 o'clock with Alice Kimball presenting the history of vintage aprons. Anybody wishing to wear or bring a vintage apron will be welcomed.

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| Committee | Number of Vacancies | Length of Term (Years) |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Appeals Board | 2 | 3 |
| Planning Board | 1 | 2 |
| Planning Board | 1 | 1 |
| Recreation Board (Alternates) | 2 | 3 |

*** Public Notice ***

Town of Bethel Site Plan Application Site Walk & Public Hearing

Project Name: Maine Mineral & Gem Museum Offices
Applicant: Maine Mineral & Gem Museum
Authorized Agent: James Reuter and Barbra Barrett
Location: Map 25, Lot 127, 9 Chapman Street

The Planning Board has scheduled a **Site Walk** on Monday, July 20, 2015 at 6:00 pm at 9 Chapman Street.

The Planning Board has scheduled a **Public Hearing** on Wednesday, July 22 at 6:00 pm. in the Town Office meeting room. The hearing will be followed by the regular meeting at 6:30 pm.

The applicant is proposing to remove the existing garage/ barn and construct a new, two story building consisting of offices, studios and storage together with a new off-street parking area. The new building will be clapboard sided with varying pitched roofs.

The project requires a waiver to the side and rear setback requirements; the applicant is requesting to reduce the setbacks from 20 to 10 feet, consistent with neighboring properties.

Notice to Bidders Winter Road Maintenance Woodstock & Milton Township, Maine

The Woodstock Board of Selectmen and the Oxford County Commissioners are requesting bids to furnish labor, materials, supplies and or goods required to accomplish the plowing and sanding of the following Woodstock & Milton Township Roads for a three year period, through Spring of 2018.

Woodstock-

1. Approximately 3.0 miles of the Concord Pond Road from the Milton Township/Woodstock Town Line to the Woodstock/Peru Town Line.
2. Approximately .30 miles of the Granite Ledge Road, from the Concord Pond Road to the new Tower Road, so called.
3. Approximately .80 of a mile of the Milton Road from the Woodstock/ Milton line to the Farnum Road, and the Farnum Road from the Graham/ Nielson residence to the Russell residence.

Total Woodstock Mileage 4.10

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| Milton Township- | | |
| Roger Farnum Road | 0.67 | Milton Road 3.26 |
| Concord Pond Road | 0.95 | Buck Road 0.24 |
| Hemingway Road | 0.27 | Sierra Drive 0.22 |
| Pike Road | 0.10 | Dudley Road 0.11 |
| Billings-Welch Road | 0.16 | |

Total Milton Township mileage 5.98

Total road mileage to be bid 10.08

Attention should be given to pushing back the snow banks as needed based on the amount of snowfall.

The subcontractor shall be employed as an independent contractor and shall provide and furnish all insurance, labor, materials, supplies, equipment supervision and administration necessary for the proper and complete performance of the work as outlined above.

The subcontractor shall be responsible to supply their own sand and salt within this bid price.

Bids are due July 28, 2015 at 5:00 PM at the Woodstock Town Office. Bids will be opened and read aloud. The Selectmen and the Oxford County Commissioners reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids. For any further information please contact the Woodstock Town Office at 665-2668.

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For further information you may contact the Town Garage at 665-2392 or the Town Office at 665-2668.

Bids are due at the Town Office on or before 5:00PM on Tuesday July 28, 2015.

The Selectmen reserve the right to accept or reject all or any bids.

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Obituaries



WILLIAM G. KOCH

William G. Koch, 65, of Greenwood died Tuesday, July 7 at his home with his family by his side. He was born in Rockville Centre, N.Y. on Oct. 6, 1949 the son of William and Lillian Gibbons Koch. He graduated from Chaminade High School in 1967 and St. Francis College in 1971. He had been a sixth grade teacher and principal at the Agnes Gray School from 1972 to 2007.

He is survived by his wife, the former Billie Rae Snow, whom he married on Aug. 27, 1977; his son Cory and his wife Anne; his son Gregory; his sister Barbaraellen Koch; his father William Koch; and his mother-in-law Patricia Snow. He was predeceased by his mother.

Special thanks to our family, friends and Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice for the comfort, kindness and care they provided. To Cyndy, Phyllis and Elaine for their unconditional love - we thank you. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Thursday, July 16 at 11 a.m. at St. Catherine of Sienna Church in Norway. In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to the Mark Otterson Scholarship Fund, which will benefit children attending L.O.O.K. (Learning Opportunities for Our Kids) c/o SAD 17 Administrative Office 232 Main Street, Suite 2, South Paris, Maine 04281.

KENNETH HILL, JR.

Graveside committal services for Kenneth "Hillbilly" Hill, Jr. will be held on Saturday, July 18 at 11 a.m. at the Pleasant Pond Cemetery, Sumner, with Ellie Andrews officiating. Arrangements by Cliff Gray Cremation & Funeral Services, 60 Andrews Road, Bryant Pond.

DEAN S. IRISH



Dean Scott Irish, 41, of Andover died unexpectedly on July 13, 2015 in Dixfield. He resided in Andover.

Born in Portland on Oct. 3, 1973, he was a son of Leo and Brenda (Scott) Irish of Andover. Dean attended Andover Elementary School, Telstar High School in Bethel and was a graduate of Mountain Valley High School in Rumford with the class of 1993.

Dean was employed by ASI Constructors, Inc. working at Upper Dam on Richardson Lake. Dean's jobs in construction work made it possible for him to travel most of the 50 US States.

Dean loved the outdoors, riding his Harley Motorcycle, going to and driving in Mud Runs, building projects in his father's garage, spending time with friends and family, hanging out with his Saint Bernard "Gumbo."

He is survived by his parents, Leo and Brenda Irish of Andover, his brother Daniel Irish and wife Kristel of Andover, nieces MacKenzie Irish of Rumford and Madison Irish of Andover and a nephew Elden Dean Irish

of Andover.

Friends and family are invited to sign the online guest book and share a memory with the family at www.meadersonandson.com.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, July 18, 2015 at the Andover Congregational Church, Andover with Pastor Linda Couture officiating. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the Andover Educational Fund, P.O. Box 32, Andover, Maine 04276 in his memory. Arrangements are under the direction of the Meader & Son Funeral Home 3 Franklin Street Rumford.



ROLAND L. MARSHALL

Roland Lewis Marshall, 81, the oldest lifelong resident of Granite Street, Mexico, passed peacefully, with family at his side, in the early morning hours of Saturday July 11, 2015 at CMMC, Lewiston.

He was born on Granite Street, Mexico, Oct. 10, 1933, the son of Michael and Lena (Strout) Marshall. He received his education in local schools and on Aug. 23, 1953, in Mexico, married his best friend, Mary Ann Ouel-

lette of Jay. He operated Marshall's Service Center at the top of Falls Hill, Rumford from January of 1970 until September of 1995. He also co-owned Rolann's Ice Cream Shoppe with his wife, adjacent to the Service Center, from 1985 to 2001.

Roland was a member of the Eagles in Rumford, and was a quiet family-centered gentleman who enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and their families.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Ann of Mexico; their children Michael Marshall and his wife, Suzanne of Bryant Pond; Robin Marshall and his wife, Lisa of Dixfield; Kim Marshall and his wife, Susan of Mexico; Lee Marshall and his wife, Lynne of Fairfield; Sheila Mills and her husband, Chris of South Portland; Lynn Moroney and her husband, Michael of Suffield, Conn.; and Jamie Marshall and his wife, Karen of Rome, Ga.; 24 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren; a special niece, Mary McDermott and her husband, William of Framingham, Mass.; a special nephew, J. Gary Thibodeau of Bradenton, Fla.; a special cousin, Carroll Strout of Palm Harbor, Fla. In addition to his folks, he was predeceased by his sister, Mildred Thibodeau and a grand-nephew Sean McDermott.

Tributes and condolences may be shared on his memorial wall at www.wilesrc.com.

Private family services with Deacon Matthew Gregory of Holy Savior Parish, Rumford, officiating. Burial at Demeritt Cemetery, Peru, Maine. Remembrance gifts may be given to the charity of one's choice. Arrangements are in the care of the Wiles Remembrance Center: Cremation Service and Funeral Home, 42 Weld Street, Dixfield.

Births

CORSON

Katherine Corson of South Paris is pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Sophia Ann Corson, born on July 10, 2015 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Brad Corson of Rumford and Tami Bisbee of South Paris.

LAPERLE

Miranda Roma Laperle and Ryan Laperle of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Ryder David Laperle, born on June 28, 2015 at 3:29 a.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Marcial and Linda Roma of Peabody, Mass.

Paternal grandparents are David and Deb Laperle of Brooklyn, Conn.

Bethel Senior Citizens meet

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met July 8 at the Bethel Alliance Church for their meeting and dinner with 37 members present. President Fran Head conducted the meeting, led the salute to the flag and in singing The Star Spangled Banner.

Reports were given by Becky Keen and Arlene Lowell. Prayer by Nick Lutz youth pastor of the church.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Bill Thurston and he donated it to the club. Thank you, Bill. The door prize was won by Elizabeth Gilbert.

The next meeting will be the picnic at Stony Brook Campground in Hanover August 12. Meeting starts at 11 a.m. Members will bring either a salad or dessert to share.

The trip will be Aug. 19 and will be a Tour of Mooslookmeguntic Lake. More details at the August meeting.

Happy birthday was sung to those having July birthdays: Luna Akers, Norman Beaupre, Nancy Mercer, Peg Perham and Theriza Herrick.

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